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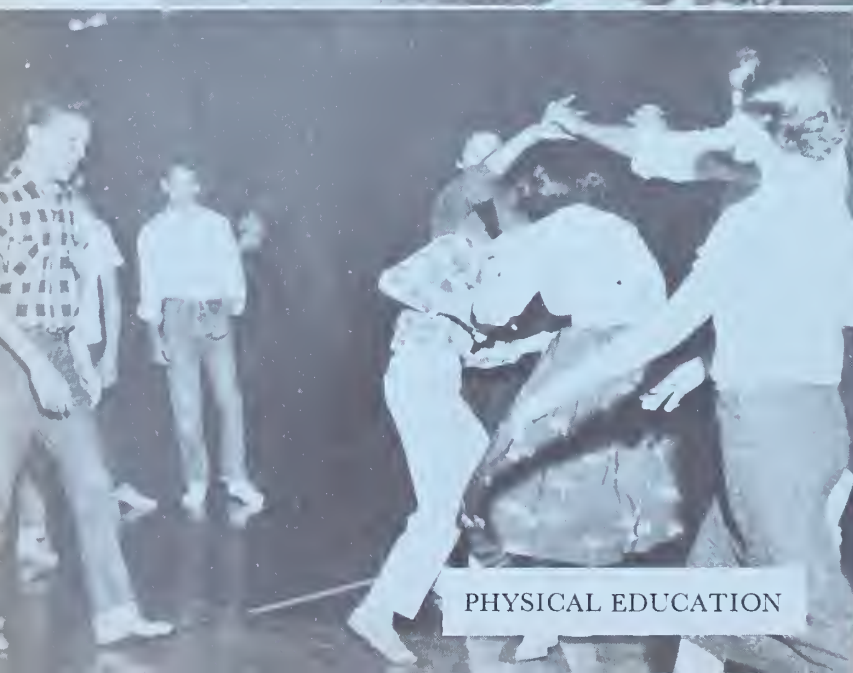
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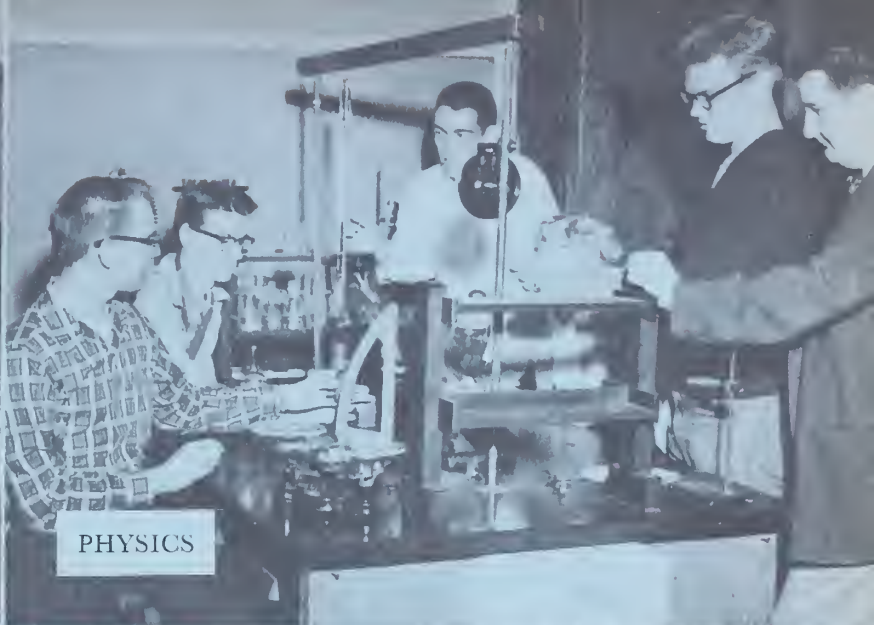


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**THE**



**Morganton High School**

**Morganton, North Carolina**



# Morganton High School



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# Foreword

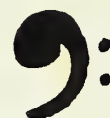
Our high school years are an arrangement of measures that dwell within our lives played to a quick, fast-moving tempo. They shall combine in future measures to form one opus of our life's symphony. These years will be unforgettable, for during them we have been bound together in harmony by the common chords of music. Open your eyes to music, for we are presenting a score in which you have played an invaluable part, OUR MUSICAL INTERLUDE OF 1957.

These songs seem to fall in line in front of our eyes, as a group of toy soldiers ready for a parade. Heading the list is "The Star-Spangled Banner." Remember standing and raising your voice in song to it before the kick-off of every football game! Then came the "Wildeat Victory March" and "Semper Fidelis"—every note of both resounding our loyal support of Our Team. Next there was music fit for a queen—a very special queen—Miss Homecoming.

The months rolled by and all M.H.S. joined in singing their favorite Christmas carols.

Once again the tune was "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and fans flocked to the basketball games, and then baseball followed. Nevertheless, among all these, there was time out for the all-time popular "rock-and-roll" hits.

In the spring came the lovely waltzes, in three-four tempo, of the Junior-Senior Prom. Then, too, 'midst songs of love, we hear the familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and the "War March of the Priests"; thus ending our itinerary. But wait! During the whole year the song top-most in our minds and first in our hearts was, of course, Our Alma Mater for at Morganton High School "there rings a sound that's dear to me."



MORGANTON HIGH SCHOOL  
ALMA MATER

slowly

M. T. Cousins

Handwritten musical score for 'Morganton High School Alma Mater' by M. T. Cousins. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The tempo is marked 'slowly'. The lyrics are: 'From the mountains to the sea rings a sound that's dear to me. Wak-ing, sleep-ing, still I hear "Al-ma Ma-ter dear" No mat-ter where I choose to roam, you will al-ways be my-home. Sing-ing prais-es to the sky for-dear old Mor-gan-ton High.' The score includes dynamic markings such as 'mf' and 'f'. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in both hands. The vocal part is a single melody line. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

*mf* From the moun-tains to the sea rings a sound that's dear to- me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, still I hear "Al- ma Ma- ter dear" No

mat-ter where I choose to roam, you will al-ways be my-home.

Sing-ing prais-es to the sky for-dear old Mor-gan-ton High.

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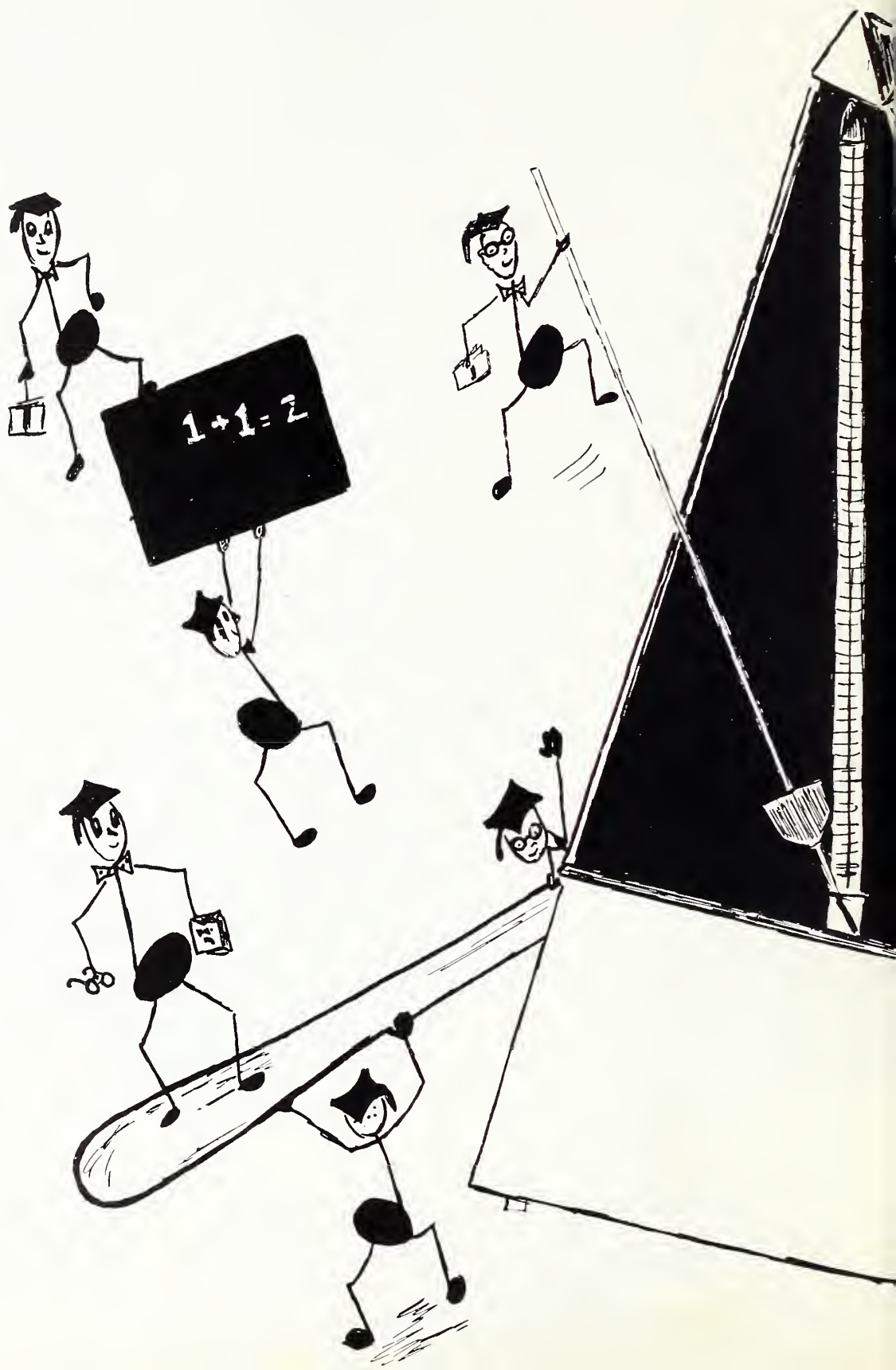


# Dedication



## Mr. M. T. Cousins

The music goes round and round, and comes out, not only in our high school, but in the hearts of its students, and is felt in the entire community. Mr. Cousins, for your tremendous part in this phase of our school life, we proudly dedicate our 1957 CAT'S TALE to you. To us, you are Our Music-maker, but in reality you are a musician, composer, educator, and friend. In many little ways, you have caused us to appreciate the faultless details that make up a musical composition so that not only in Morganton High School, but throughout our lives, we shall have a better appreciation of how the common chords of music bind us together.





# ADMINISTRATION



# The School Board

The School Board is the backbone of our educational system in Morganton city schools. To them, we extend a heart-felt thanks for their conscientious efforts and continuous interest in us.



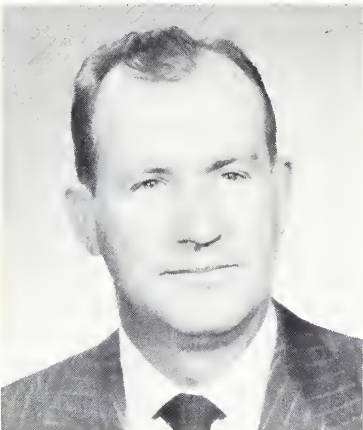
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# Administration

We wish to extend our thanks to the Superintendent, Mr. M. S. Parham, and to the Director of Instruction, Mr. O. R. Peterson, for their thoughtfulness and kindness to us. Through their efforts, we have obtained much more equipment which has made our school better able to meet the needs of its pupils.



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Miss MARTHA NOGGLE  
Secretary to the Superintendent



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Secretary to the Principal



## To You

*"Cush" is the name that you go by here—  
(We nickname those we like best),  
And just like all new people,  
We put you to the test.*

*You showed us you were "on the square"  
And would help us every one,  
We knew to come to you for advice  
Whenever there was work to be done.*

*And in our four years we've come to know  
That there's just no better friend.  
So to you, Mr. Schiebout,  
Our deepest thanks we send.*

*And throughout all the years ahead  
In everything we do,  
We'll realize all you've done for us,  
And we'll say, "Hats off to you!"*

THE STUDENTS





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PRINCIPAL

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# Cafeteria Staff



**Dietitian**

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Mrs. Helen L. Watson

We wish to thank these patient people who have prepared our lunches and have cared for our building this past year at MHS.

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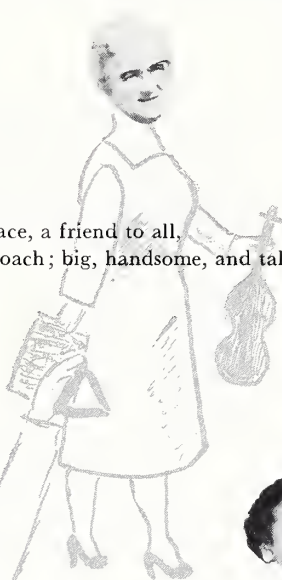
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# Our

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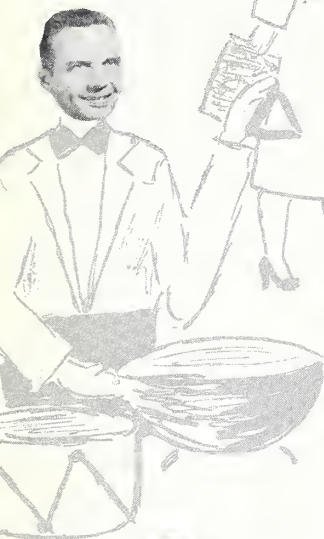
Miss Weber

Figures, designs going around in our minds,  
But we'll be glad when it comes college time.



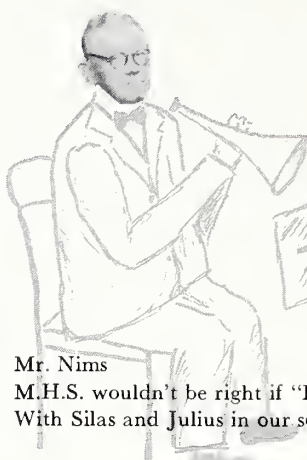
Mr. Harris

A smile on his face, a friend to all,  
Is our football coach; big, handsome, and tall.



Mr. Nims

M.H.S. wouldn't be right if "Doc" weren't here,  
With Silas and Julius in our sophomore year.



Mrs. Carter

So many, many words at her command,  
Long, short, unusual—none are banned.



Mrs. Bird

English is her subject, Bird is her name,  
Patience her virtue—will we meet her aim?



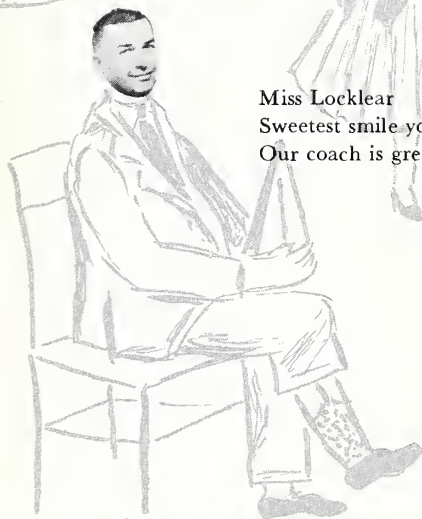
Mr. Redmond

Each day a trip from Boone he'll make,  
So General Science our students may take.



Miss Locklear

Sweetest smile you'll ever see—  
Our coach is great! The girls agree.



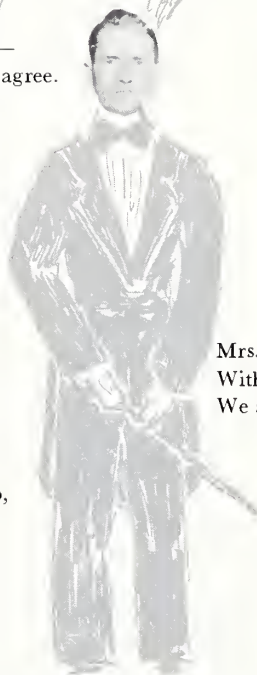
Mr. Putnam

We see by "Elsie," it's time to go,  
It's 8:15, so don't be slow.



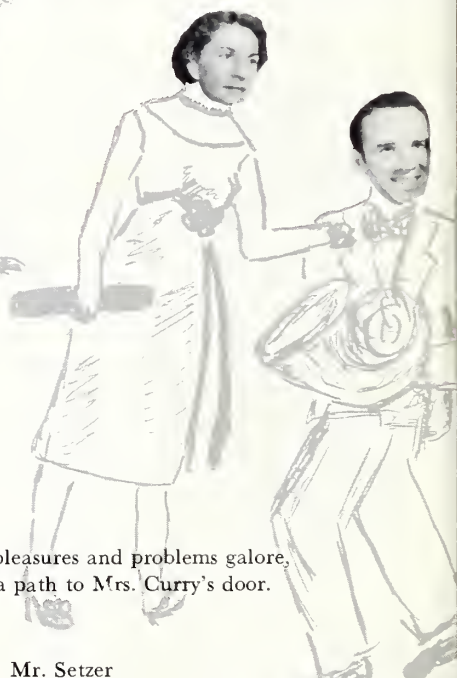
Mrs.

With many pleasures and problems galore,  
We all beat a path to Mrs. Curry's door.



Mr. Setzer

"Manana, manana," and "Oh! Woe is me!"  
What else but drama and Spanish could it be



Mr. Cousins

For your music, your charm and all you've done for us,  
You are dear to our hearts, even when you fuss.



# Orchestra

Mr. Broome

He coaches our games and teaches world history,  
An important man. Ah, boola, boola me!

Mrs. Carey

Those beautiful clothes, plus brains and looks,  
You'll have to admit she's one for the books.

Mr. Snyder

One with more patience there'll never be,  
But he needs it, with stuff like geometry.

Miss Teter

With THE SCARLET LETTER and N.C. lit.,  
You'll pass your junior English and love it every bit.

Mr. Postelle

Oh, those opinions! Quite set in his way,  
But the things you learn help you every day.

Miss Prevet

Teaching typing and math she finds simple as falling off a log,  
But controlling "that homeroom" keeps her all agog.

Mrs. Beach

With a "shhh" and "Be quiet" we know it must be,  
Our favorite Mrs. Beach in our library.

Mr. Edwards

At dancing and dating, this Ivy-League lad—  
And at teaching business courses, is not bad.

Mr. Neely

The things that from his shop appear,  
Should spread his fame both far and near.

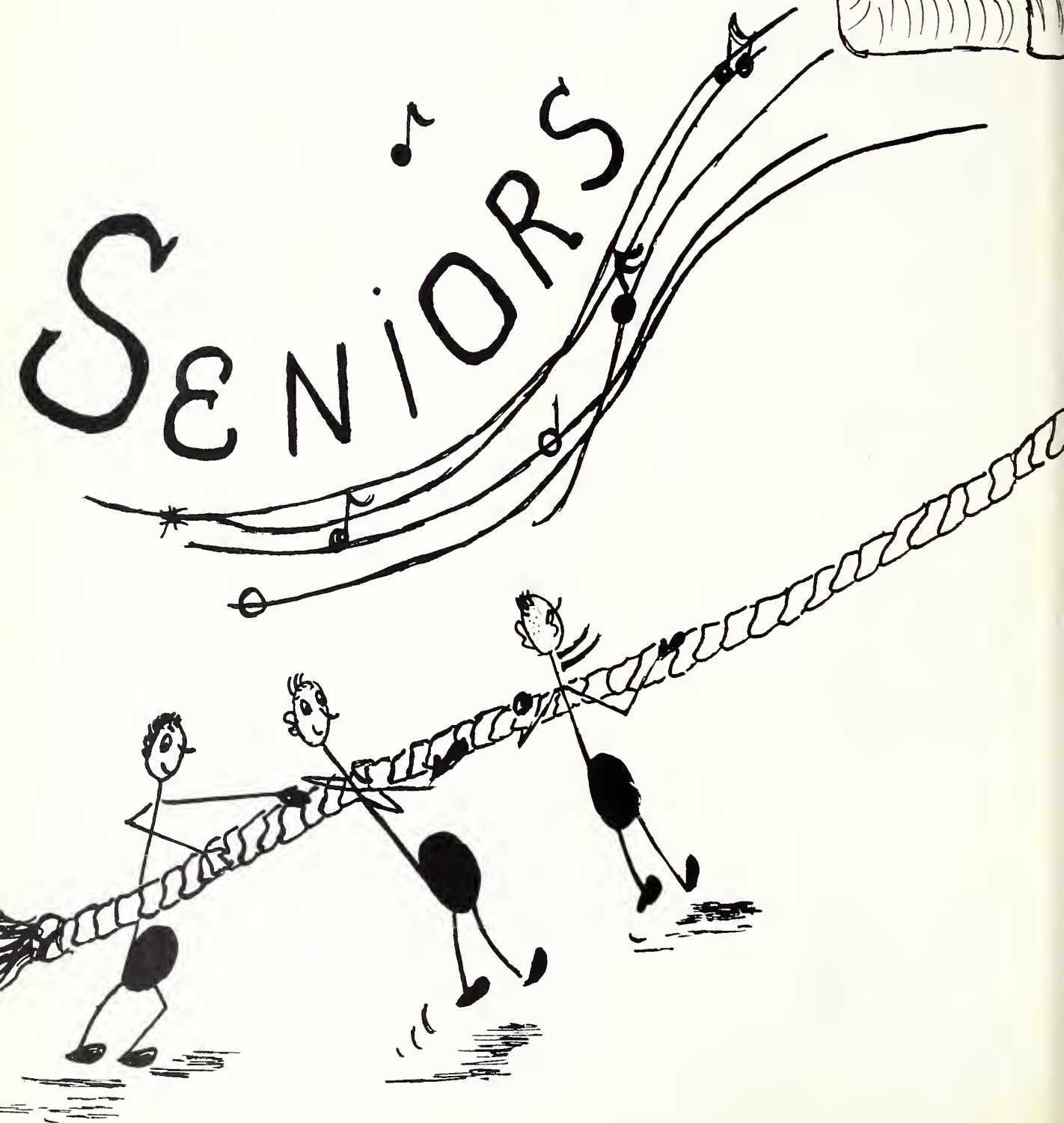
Miss Blaylock

Latin and French with her are rehearsed,  
And about these and much else she is well-versed.

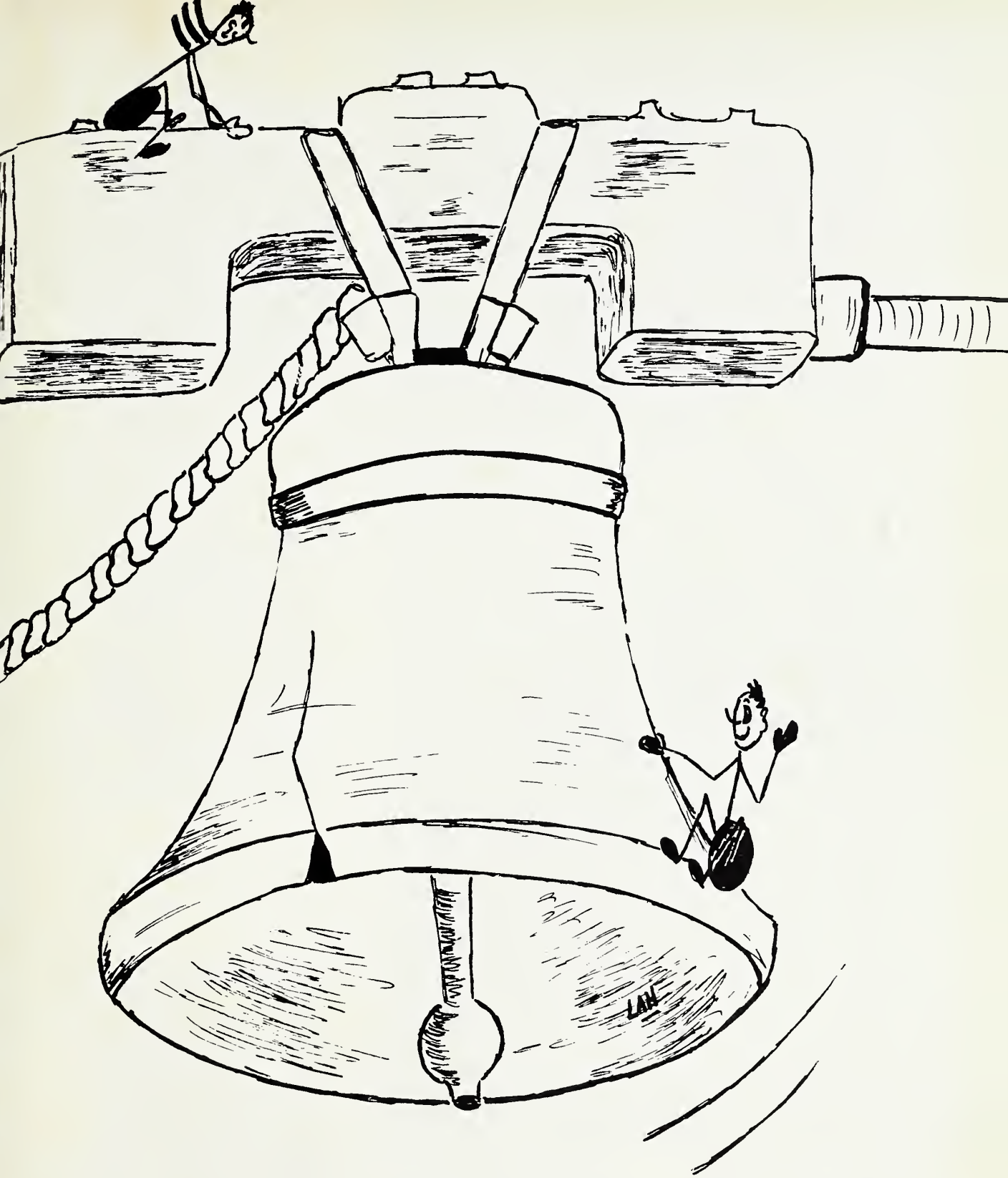
Mr. Schiebout

In rain or shine—whether we're good or bad,  
His interest and best efforts we've always had.

# SENIORS









*President* . . . . . Danny Lingerfelt  
*Vice-President* . . . . . Gary Moretz  
*Secretary* . . . . . Kay Nichols  
*Treasurer* . . . . . Larry Lowdermilk

# SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

We have reached the top! We are big enough to handle the tuba—largest of them all—and smart enough to pull a diploma out of its bell. Just polish up the old horn and we shall lead our class on to graduation and then to Tomorrowland. We can't wait to see what the Future holds!

## Seniors

*First to the auditorium we remember with pride,  
 With teachers Carey, Teter, and Prevette by our side.  
 Last to the lunchroom with a senior's poise,  
 Amid pushing and shoving and continuous noise.*

*Football games and pep rallies will always be dear,  
 Where our classmates claimed honors with pigskin and cheer.  
 The clocks stand still one night of the year,  
 And the radiant seniors in formals appear.*

*With dignified step and a last backward glance,  
 We march to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."  
 We may say we are glad, but the tears are near,  
 As we come to the end of our Senior Year.*



# Seniors



**HELEN ELIZABETH  
ABERNATHY**

Heart of gold, plus golden hair,  
Helen always does her share.



**ADELAIDE MOTT  
ANDERSON**

Mott's the life of the party and  
barrels of fun,  
From the break of day to the  
setting sun.



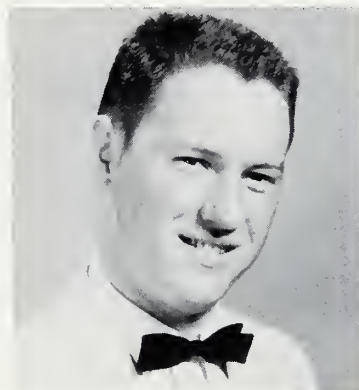
**MELVIN THOMAS  
ANDERSON**

Melvin really has the piano jive,  
Just listen to him play with "The  
Happy Five."



**REMONA LEE BANNER**

Remona, though she may seem  
small,  
When measured by her worth,  
is tall.



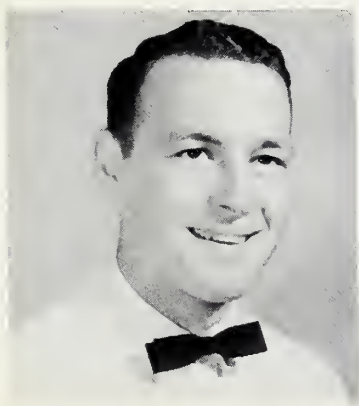
**DOUGLAS DEAN BARRIER**

All those freckles plus a great  
big smile,  
Give him that certain easy-go-  
ing style.



**SARAH CHARLENE BEACH**

Her pony tail resembles honey,  
And her disposition's sunny.



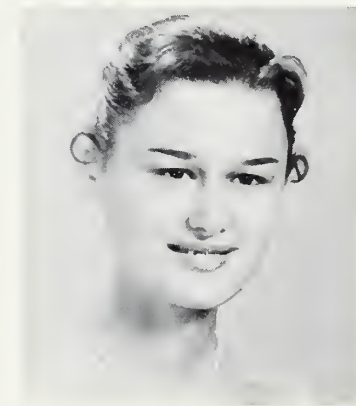
**JACK F. BEACH, JR.**

Cadillac - a - rollin' down High-  
way 29,  
Uh - Oh, Jack, was that a "slow  
down" sign?



**MITZI MARIE BEAMON**

A wink, a grin, a friendly poke,  
She's always ready with a witty  
joke.



**SARAH ANNE BOGER**

With her talent, charm, and wit;  
the most versatile in the class,  
She is the only person that no  
one could surpass.

# Seniors



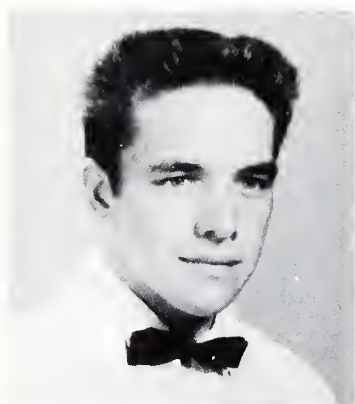
**FLORENCE S. BOGGS**  
With her artistic talent and her  
oh so friendly way,  
Enough praise for "Buggs" we  
could never say.



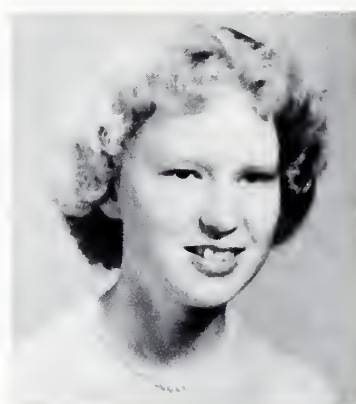
**WILLIAM H. BOOTH, Jr.**  
Can he play "boogie?" It's a  
breeze!  
You oughta hear him spank  
those keys.



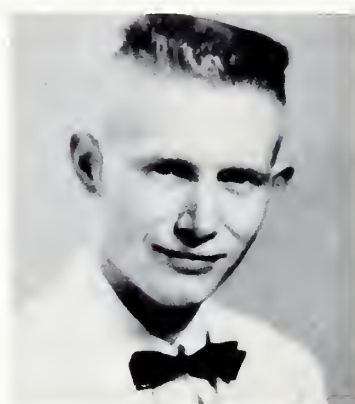
**MINNIE F. BRIDGES**  
Called "Petunia" by all round,  
A sweeter person could not be  
found!



**WAYNE M. BRITTAIN**  
Brittain is the boy who will al-  
ways win;  
Just see how he handles that  
old pigskin!



**MARTHA ANN BROWNING**  
Quiet and sweet with laughing  
eyes,  
She has a charm without dis-  
guise.



**BILLY DAVID CAMPBELL**  
Real nice guy, with that friend-  
ly look,  
But look out gals, he's "done  
been took."



**MARTHA L. CARPENTER**  
No one can be found like our  
Louise,  
Though we search o'er moun-  
tains or distant seas.



**THOMAS LEROY CLONTZ**  
The "real gone cat" who cheers  
so loud,  
Tommy, boy, of you we're  
proud.



**BETTY JANE CONLEY**  
There's never a dull moment  
when Crow's around,  
For jokes, stories, questions, and  
puns abound.



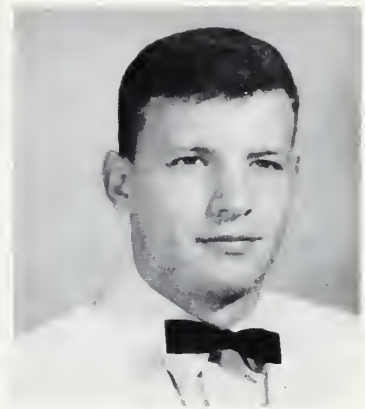
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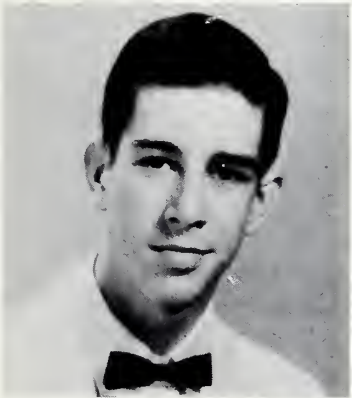
**JAMES EDWARD CONLEY**  
"Brush" Conley is known to everyone,  
Mainly because he's so much fun.



**OLGA FRISARD CRABTREE**  
She's quiet; you'd never know  
she's around  
Until that horn begins to sound.



**KENNETH DELON DAYE**  
Kenneth isn't a boastful boy,  
But "Dorothy" is his pride and joy.



**BOBBY BERNARD DEATON**  
"Bird" Deaton says it isn't so,  
But he really can play that piccolo.



**SYLVIA S. DELLINGER**  
"Hoof's" the gal on our basket-  
ball team,  
She hits that basket like a dream.



**ALLEN WAYNE DEVINNEY**  
In math and history he's quite a whiz  
Just look at the honors which are his.



**ALVIN J. DICKENS, Jr.**  
The answer to one maiden's prayer,  
He's tall and handsome with dark brown hair.



**ALICE L. DUCKWORTH**  
Strawberry blonde with big blue eyes,  
Plus all this she's very wise.



**JAMES GARLAND EARLEY**  
For quiet manner and clothes so neat,  
Garland's a boy who's hard to beat.

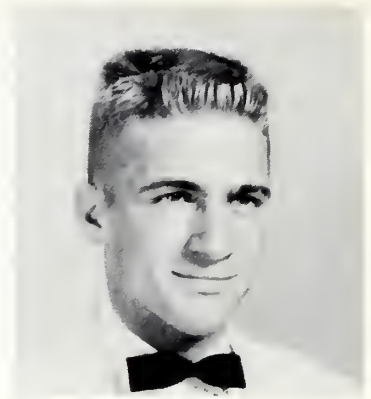
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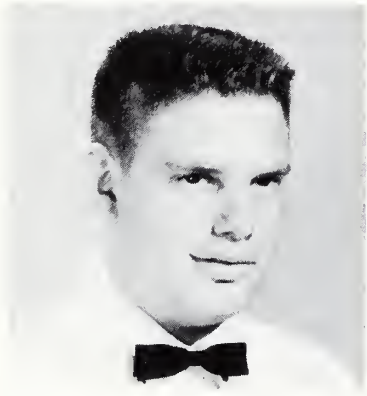
**ALICE ELAINE FALLS**  
There's plenty of current in this  
live wire,  
Wherever she goes, she'll set the  
world on fire.



**PATRICIA G. FERGUSON**  
She's pokey as they come 'til she  
steps in the car,  
Then away like a streak, she's  
burning the tar.



**LARRY MILTON FLEMING**  
"Moe" he's called by all at  
school,  
That name must make those  
freshmen drool!



**JAMES DEEVER FOWLER**  
Flying is his golden rule;  
His thoughts are aloft while he's  
here at school.



**JULIA LEACH FOWLER**  
Our Julia is a "flower" fair,  
With ways so sweet and talent  
rare.



**JEAN ANN FOX**  
Tall and slender—full of grace,  
You'll never see a more attrac-  
tive face.



**WILLIAM VIRGIL FOX**  
A regular patron of Cline's and  
Dude's  
He goes to the one which suits  
his moods.



**GLADYS MARIE GALLION**  
Eyes so brown, complexion so  
creamy,  
She makes the boys feel mighty  
dreamy.



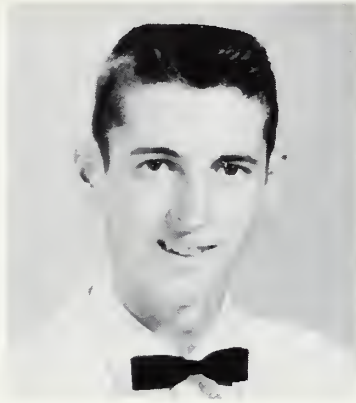
**SHIRLEY M. GANTT**  
She's tall and graceful and  
quiet as can be;  
I'll bet she knows more gossip  
than you or me.



# Seniors



**ELLA J. GARRISON**  
Lucky, lively, happy, and gay;  
She has a smile for everyone  
coming her way.



**ALEXANDER L. GRADY, Jr.**  
"Rat" is a star in basketball  
He was also good on the "grid"  
this fall.



**CAROLYN FAYE HARRIS**  
We bet the teachers don't take  
her name,  
She's so quiet! Isn't that a  
shame?



**JIMMY R. HASTINGS**  
With a winning smile and  
clothes so neat,  
"Wrong-way's" style just can't  
be beat!



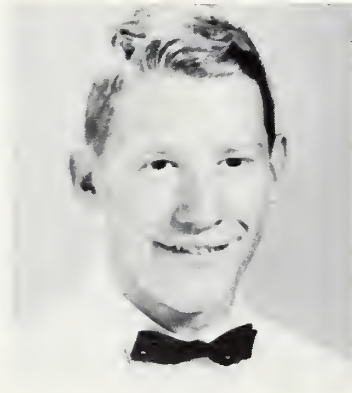
**LAURA ANN HENSLEY**  
She's full of ambition and artis-  
tic taste,  
It's a wonder she has a second  
to waste.



**JOYCE ANN HOUSTON**  
She'll be your friend whenever  
you want,  
"Jo" has a spirit you cannot  
daunt.



**BEVERLY A. HUNNICUTT**  
Beverly can really make that  
Plymouth move on—  
A screaming tire, and then she's  
gone.



**JASPER A. HURT, Jr.**  
Jasper Alexander is a mighty  
big name,  
But he always lives up to it just  
the same.



**PATSY ANN HYMAN**  
Patsy likes to dance and sing,  
Just think of all the joy she'll  
bring!

# Seniors



**MINNIE LAURA JAYNES**  
She's a friend to one and a  
friend to all,  
Her face is a treat to see in the  
hall.



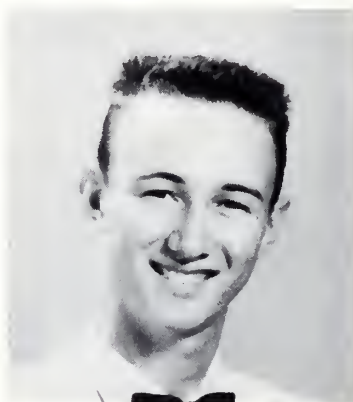
**WILLIAM H. KEZZIAH**  
"Baseball Bill" should be his  
name  
Who knows? Baseball may bring  
him fame.



**NORMA JEAN KINCAID**  
Her smile would warm a polar  
bear,  
Her quiet manner is something  
rare.



**JOSEPHINE E. KIRKSEY**  
Josephine's voice could soothe a  
wild beast,  
When she sings, it's wonderful,  
to say the least.



**HOWARD T. LEONHARDT**  
He's always ready with a witty  
remark,  
And never worries when clouds  
are dark.



**STEPHANIE LESLIE**  
She's full of grace and winning  
ways;  
We'll remember her for the rest  
of our days.



**WALTER ALAN LIGHT**  
A real nice boy, never makes a  
fuss,  
He's one of our boys who drives  
a bus.



**DANNY H. LINGERFELT**  
A leader in work, a leader in  
fun,  
For any job Danny's the one.



**LARRY A. LOWDERMILK**  
Larry's tottering on the brink of  
success,  
Let's push him off to happiness.



# Seniors



**JAMES LANCE LYBRAND**  
Chairman of the "bored" of  
education,  
He gets in and out of any sit-  
uation.



**PANSY LOUISE MARTIN**  
She's a twin and what a gal!  
Lots of fun and everyone's pal.



**PATSY BALE MARTIN**  
The other one of the Martin  
two,  
She's got what it takes to click  
with you.



**JERRY ALLEN McMAHON**  
Jerry's absent? Then you know  
where to look.  
He's in the mountains fishing in  
a trout-filled brook.



**GEORGE C. McCARTER**  
George is quite a ladies' man,  
Is there anyone here who's not  
his fan?



**MARTIN P. McCONNELL**  
His one love, his true love will  
always be  
The beat of his drums, and true  
harmony.



**SHARON JOY MITCHELL**  
Sharon's as petite and dainty as  
they come,  
She also sings well and loves to  
hum.



**GARY FRED MORETZ**  
Athletic, brainy, and good-  
looking,  
And he has Romilda to do his  
cooking.



**ROMILDA C. MORETZ**  
Romilda and a friend pulled a  
breezy stunt,  
That night they went on a  
"preacher hunt."

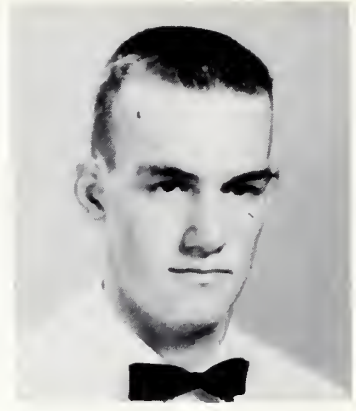
# Seniors



**ROBEY LEE MORRISON**  
We hear Lee enjoys poor health  
alot,  
The hospital is his destined spot.



**DOROTHY C. NEWTON**  
Newton and Russ are some  
combination,  
Together they create a small  
senation!



**CHARLES COY NEWTON**  
When Coy goes dodging in his  
old '39,  
Then watch out cars, he's a-  
riding the line.



**KATHLEEN NICHOLS**  
With an anchor in one hand  
and the "Cat's Tale" in the  
other,  
Who else could be so wonderful,  
there's just not another.



**DOROTHY MAY NIFONG**  
Dottie's a doll, joy shines from  
her face,  
Wish you could find more like  
her any place.



**JAMES RAY OSBORNE**  
Curly hair and subtle smile,  
You'd know it was Jimmy  
from half a mile.



**JAMES EDGAR PARKS**  
He's a whiz at math and science  
and such,  
And can fix anything with his  
magic touch.



**RALPH F. PATTON**  
Hair of red and a temper to  
match,  
When he gets mad those tires  
will scratch.



**SIDNEY W. PETERSON**  
He knows the precise, psycho-  
logical moment when to say  
nothing,  
But when he says something,  
you know he's not bluffing.



# Seniors



**RUBY LOUISE PHILLIPS**

Ruby's long, dark tresses make her stand out,  
If you saw them, you'd know what we're talking about.



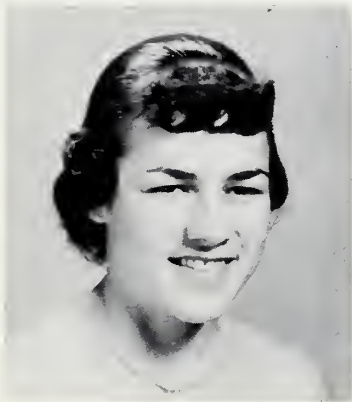
**SHIRLEY ANN PHILLIPS**

Pretty blonde hair and an air that charms "him,"  
She's one of the reasons why gentlemen prefer them.



**JACK RILEY POTEET**

Who's the good-looking boy coming down the street?  
Why, didn't you know? That's Jack Poteet.



**JUDY GAIL POWELL**

She's tiny and cute; a wonderful girl,  
One of the best in the whole wide world.



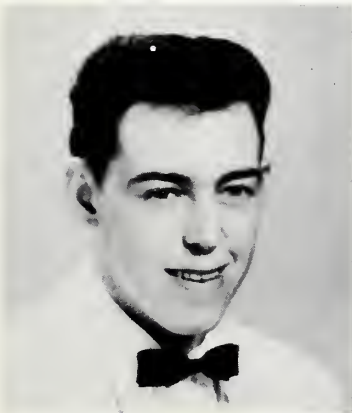
**ELVA RAE PRITCHARD**

As she looked at me, she said with a sigh,  
"Life's so short and so am I."



**JOYCE ANN PROPST**

She has a heart of gold, and an eye that twinkles,  
Enough to remove all the world's wrinkles.



**JOHN DAVID PUETT**

He goes over big with the girls, that's fine!  
But he goes over better with the boys on the line.



**LINDA JEAN RHODES**

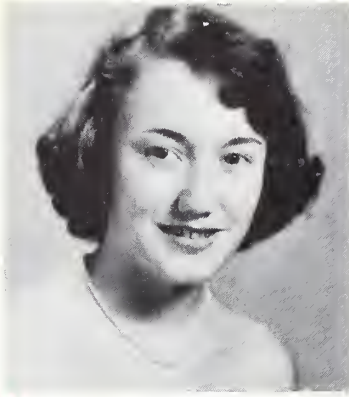
She's a tiny girl to lead those cheers,  
But Linda's the best we've had in years.



**WILLIAM DAVID RHYNE**

"Arbutus" is the boy with plenty of spirit,  
The way Put teases him...you ought to hear it!

# Seniors



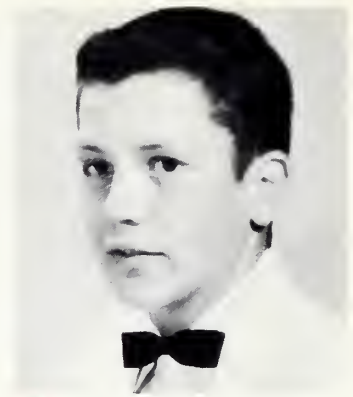
**SHELBA JEAN ROSS**

Calm, quiet, and full of poise,  
You'll never hear Jean make a  
rowdy noise.



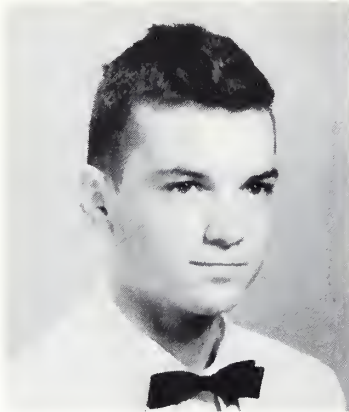
**SHIRLEY RUTH RUSS**

Quiet and friendly is Shirley  
Russ,  
Perhaps that's why she's so dear  
to us.



**LARRY EDGAR SCOTT**

"Skosh" is ready with a wheeze  
and a cough,  
He has an infectious grin that  
won't wipe off.



**DANNY DEAN SEAGLE**

Have you seen the cartoons on  
the wall?  
Our own Danny drew them all.



**ELIZABETH ANNE SETZER**

Tall and graceful with such good  
looks,  
She's always the winner in every-  
one's books.



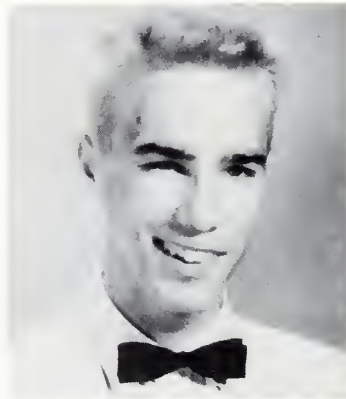
**KATHRYN E. SHIRLEY**

She's in the choir and likes to  
sing,  
Kay can make that harmony  
ring.



**NORMA M. SIMMONS**

Small folks seem to fill a space;  
Marlene's one we can't replace.



**JAMES W. SINGLETON, Jr.**

Monk's the cause of the senior's  
glee,  
Sure his name shouldn't be  
"Monk—ey?"



**JOE EDWARD SLOAN**

He's new in school, but we  
already know,  
That always we can depend on  
Joe.



# Seniors



**MARIE ELENE SMITH**  
Always willing to do her part,  
Marie can easily win your heart.



**MARY ALICE P. SMITH**  
I'm sure that our Penny is worth  
much more,  
Than her name would bring at  
the ten cent store.



**SABRA CAROLYN SMITH**  
She's always willing to do her  
part,  
It's easy for Sabra to win your  
heart.



**WILLIAM FRANK SOMERS**  
He blows the tuba loud and  
strong,  
There's always fun when he's  
along.



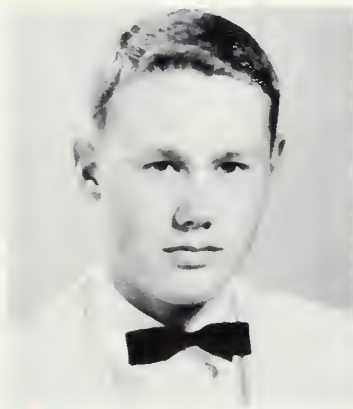
**YATES ELLIS SPAKE, Jr.**  
Biggest on the team is Spake,  
Makes opponents really quake.



**DORIS J. STARKEY**  
This good-looking gal, we'd like  
to report  
Is a striking figure on the bas-  
ketball court.



**LAWSON B. SWEEZY, Jr.**  
Sonny with his ready wit  
Eases the pain of class a bit.

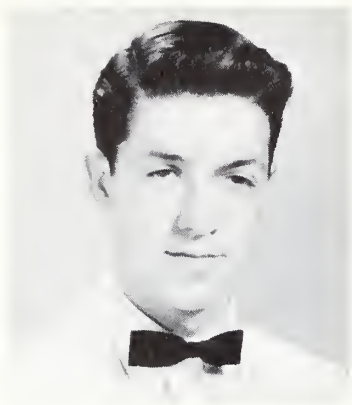


**LARRY S. SWINGLE**  
Curly blonde hair any girl would  
crave,  
And baby blue eyes that could  
make you rave!

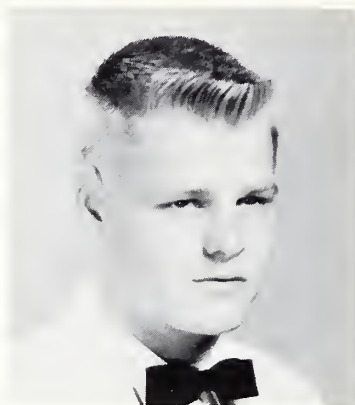


**HAZEL LEE TALLENT**  
Among her many virtues are:  
Mildness and tranquility, which  
will carry her far.

# Seniors



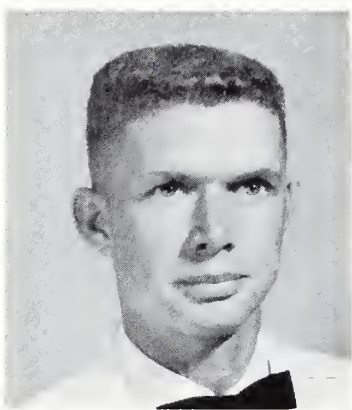
**THOMAS PHILIP TAPPY**  
Engines, mufflers, wire, and  
chrome,  
Put him in a car and he's right  
at home.



**GUY C. THRONEBURG**  
Guy's a good guy, that's for sure,  
Blue eyes, blond hair is any  
girl's cure.



**RUBY C. WALKER**  
Ruby came back for her senior  
year,  
And we're mighty glad that she  
is here.



**RAY O. WHETSTINE**  
Ray's not a bookworm or a  
social hound,  
But he's a very nice fellow to  
have around.



**EDWARD D. WHISENANT**  
A wide, wide grin has this big  
hunk of man,  
That cures more ails than his  
drugs ever can.



**HARTSELL F. WILLIAMS**  
Now here's a boy who gets  
around,  
You can see his car all over  
town.



**RONALD O'NEIL WILLIAMS**  
Sometimes he's heard when he's  
not to be seen.  
Always in hot water, (says it  
keeps him clean).



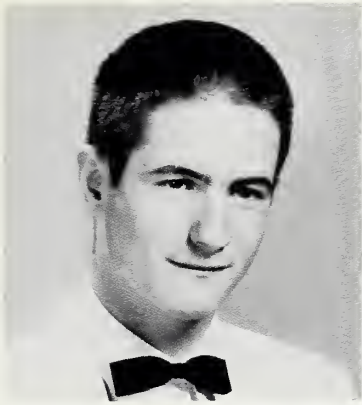
**RICHARD LEN WILSON**  
"Speedo" he's called by Put,  
they say,  
But with such good manners,  
he'll go a long way.



**MILDRED JEAN WILSON**  
When you hear her get that  
keyboard swing,  
You keep on dancing 'til the  
rafters ring.



# SENIORS



**LOUIS ANTOINE WINTZER**  
Come on, Tony, come blow your  
horn,  
For without you the band is  
forlorn.



**MURIEL K. WOOTEN**  
She sits on the left and drives on  
the right,  
But she really does try with all  
her might.



**JOANNE CAMILLE WYNNE**  
Just like Joanne, she's ever so  
neat,  
The best things in life are short  
and sweet.



**WAYNE ALVIN YELTON**  
Wayne is really on his way,  
When lessons lessen from day to  
day.



**JAMES FRANKLIN YOUNT**  
Put's faithful helper all the while  
Jim's noted for his wit and smile.



**RUTH THRONEBURG  
YOUNT**  
Her mind won't be changed by  
place or time,  
For she has heard those wedding  
bells chime.

## Senior Specialties

Sarah Anne Boger, Testator  
Howard Leonhardt, Prophet  
Danny Lingerfelt, Historian  
Julia Fowler, Poet

We know that you will miss  
the will, prophecy, history, and  
poem, but will look forward to  
them with greater interest on  
Class Night.



# UNDERCLASSMEN







K2



# J U N I O R C L A S S O F F I C E R S

We're getting near the top. We've worked up to the brasses—the trumpets and trombones. Everyone hold onto their hats when we blow our horns, because we don't intend to keep quiet. This is our chance to make ourselves heard, and we shall demonstrate this in our junior-senior prom.

## Juniors

*Our junior year at Morganton High—  
Those days do really rush by,  
With classes and clubs and homework to do,  
And going to Cline's to see "who's who."*

*We labored over Hawthorne and his Scarlet Letter,  
And came to know old Salem better;  
Plus angles, triangles, and geometric lines,  
We even learned to spell the Appennines.*

*We worked with a will for our junior-senior dance,  
Giving hours and hours, the gym to enhance.  
We packed this year with knowledge and fun.  
And look forward to our senior year to come*

President .....	Johnny Markas
Vice-President .....	Jonnie Pons
Secretary .....	Marilyn Hotchkiss
Treasurer .....	Bucky Smith



# **Juniors**



Barry Adler



Brenda Alley



Betty Anderson



Bill Angely



Billy Arney



Ambrose Barry



Sarah Beach



Millie Benfield



Johnny Berry



John Bivins



Dorothy Black



Mary Louis Bost



Marie Brackett



Vance Brackett



Wanda Breedlove



Martha Buchanan



Mary Buchanan



Louise Buff



Brenda Byrd



Betty Clark



Rochelle Cline



Ina Cloer



Emily Crabtree



Helen Crew



Betty Jean Dale



John Dellinger



Nancy Duckworth



Forrest Dula



Barbara Dyson



Jack Earley

# Juniors



David Epley



Jo Ann Feimster



Johnny Fox



Barbara Gragg



Pat Harbison



Billy Harrill



Naomi Hart



Pat Haynes



Sylvia Herring



Marilyn Hotchkis



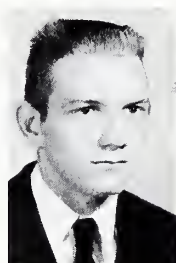
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Phyllis Ann Joyner



Jean Kanipe



Peggy Lambert



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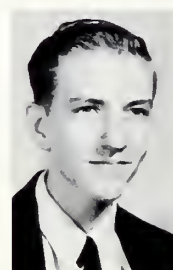
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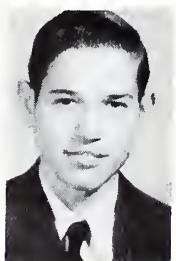
Johnny Markas



Jimmy Maxwell



David McAuley



Paul McCall



Byllye McCombs



Tommy McFadden



Joyce Miller



Brenda Mooney



# Juniors



Gail Moretz



Adean Mull



Donnell Mull



Tommy Mull



Norma Newton



Frances Norman



Jim Norvell



Jimmy Oliver



Sue Parham



Virginia Patton



Claude Pittman



Johnnie Pons



Johnny Poteat



Sue Potts



Carolyn Puett



Frank Puett



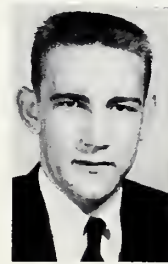
Peggy Ramseur



Barry Reichart



Ervin Robinson



Glen Robinson



Kenneth Ross



Ikie Royal



Harvey Saunders



Anita Sechrest



William Self



Cynthia Shirley



Jean Shuping



Ervin Simmons



Leon Singleton

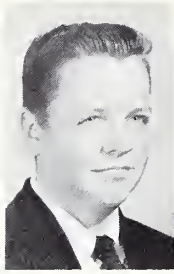


Bucky Smith

# Juniors



Irene Smith



John Sparks



Donald Stone



Jo Ann Throneburg



Hilda Towery



Harry Tune



Sandra Walker



Sarah Ann Wallace



Carolyn Watts



Wayne Whisnant



Jimmy Willets



Carol Williams



Gene Wood



Frances Woods

## Juniors Not Pictured

Linda Braswell

John Spencer

Frank Kelly

Bobby Stamey

Wayne Lambert

Oris Starkey

Glen Robinson

Terry Towery

Leon Singleton

Barbara Warlick



We have graduated to larger instruments. We feel in our new position as "wise fools" that we can handle the clarinets and saxophones quite well. These instruments are necessary to a band, an orchestra, or even a jazz session. We, too, are necessary to our class and our school and we shall lead them toward higher ideals.

Sophomores

*A little bit wiser, and a little bit older,  
And now that we're sophomores—  
a little bit bolder.  
We got through the first year and  
did all right,  
And we're trying this year with  
all our might.*

*One-celled animals and later  
worms,  
Then we got into harder terms;  
Catching bugs and pressing leaves,  
Silas and Shakespeare were our  
pet peeves.*

*Learning to drive through bumps  
and bruises,  
On our daily round-town cruises.  
We leave our sophomore year with  
pride,  
And our junior year we'll take  
in stride.*

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Secretary . . . . . Judy Graves  
Treasurer . . . . . Gail Brittain

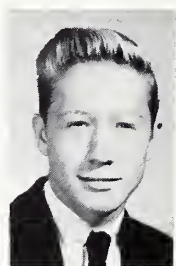
# Sophomores



Patricia Abec



Sylvia Abec



Phillip Abernathy



Vivian Amos



Betty Arney



Edward Arrowood



Edwin Arrowood



Ann Barbour



Judy Barrier



Phyllis Barrier



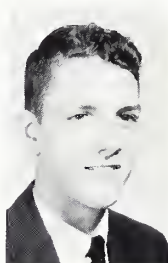
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Henry Beck



Nancy Berry



Ronald Black



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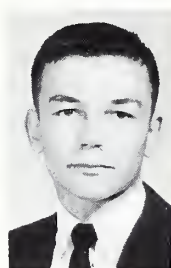
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Lynne Branch



Jackie Boyles



Bill Branstrom



Tommie Sue Bridges



Gail Brittan



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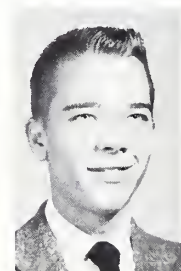
Sylbia Jean Brown



Bill Browning



Mary Bruns



Sandy Bryson



David Buchanon



Jack Campbell



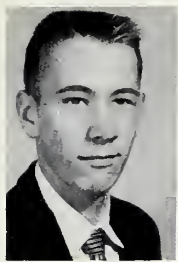
Betty Jo Carpenter



Howard Carroll



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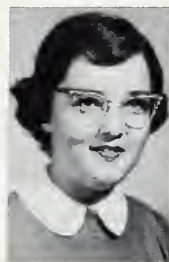
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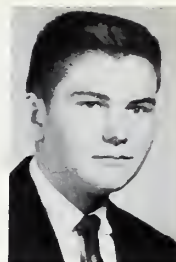
Jean Clark



Joyce Clark



Philecta Clark



Nathan Cline



Louise Cooke



Dorothy Copenhaver



Andy Crawley



Patsy Curtis



John Henry Dal



Carolyn Davis



Ralph Greene



Gay Davis



Jerry Duckworth



Jerry Duckworth



Tommy Farr



Sylvia Fowler



Charles Fox



Anne Franklin



Charles Franklin



Ray Franklin



Tommy Franklin



Butch Gallagher



Charles Goodnight



Leith Gordon



Joyce Grady



Maxine Grady



Jeanette Gray



Wayne Grady

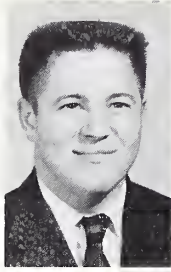


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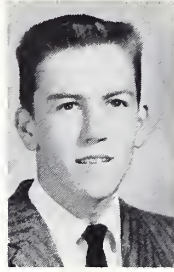
# Sophomores



Dick Griffin



Charles Hallyburton



Jimmy Hairfield



Sarah Harbison



Sylvia Harris



Becky Hawkins



Paul Helminger



Joyce Hensley



Nancy Higgins



James Honeycutt



William Honeycutt



Howard Houck



Betsy Hutchins



Sharon Ivester



June Johnston



Jean Keaton



Howard Kincaid



Olivia Lambert



Carl Lane



Etta Lane



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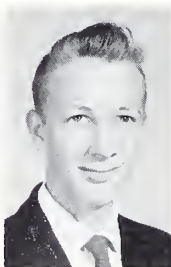
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Bruce Lowdermilk



Dale Lybrand



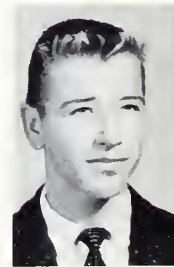
Taft McFalls



Irene McGuirk



Ruby Mitchum



Ted Moretz



Edwina Moses



# Sophomores



Kay Murphy



Roy Murry



Patricia Nichols



Jan Norvell



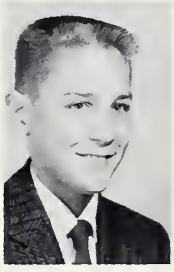
Herma Kay Orders



Joyce Parton



Judy Peeler



Edward Phifer



Frankie Phillips



Phillip Pitts



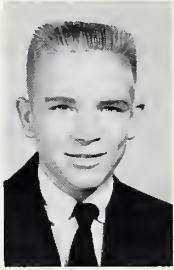
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Rebecca Powell



Evelyn Propst



Tony Queen



David Rader



Judy Reichart



Frances Rhyne



Bobbie Robbins



Kenneth Rocket



Benny Rickett



Margaret Rose



Joyce Ross



Bill Rudicil



Joe Ben Seagle



Margaret Seitz



Greer Settlemyre



Judy Setzer



Donnell Smith



Martha Smith



Sally Smith



# Sophomores



Sandra Smith



Shirley Snipes



Rawley Speir



Carolyn Stamey



Johnny Strickland



Pat Stubbs



Barry Swain



Dottie Jean Tuttle



Edward Wacaster



Patty Wacaster



Jean Ann Wall



Perry Warlick



Joe Whisenant



Barbara Whitesides



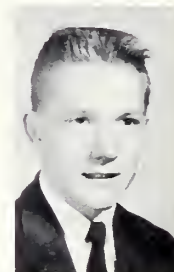
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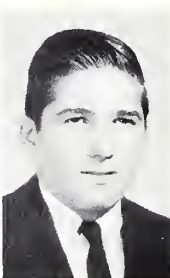
Rebecca Williams



Steve Williams



Vernon Winters



Charles Wintzer



Norman Wiseman



Janet Wynn

## Sophomores Not Pictured

Geraldine Ball

Goodie McCarter

Wesley Whisenant

Wayne Clontz

Mary Mull

Wayne Whisnant

Emily Barnwell

Wayne Whisenant

Wilford Williams

We've just begun our musical career. We have picked the piccolos as our music-makers—the smallest instruments of the woodwinds for the youngest class. Although they are quite small, they can be heard above the other sounds of the band. We, too, shall be heard amid the noises of the other classes.

Freshmen

*Early in September of every year,  
A new group arrives—full of fear  
Of making mistakes and acting  
green,  
Being confused, but of decorous  
mein.*

*They tackle Latin, Math and  
Physical Ed.  
Where they tumble, stumble, and  
stand on their head.  
Last, but not least, is their study  
of health,  
About organs, bones, and the care  
of one's self.*

*They scamper around at the sound  
of the bell,  
They giggle and chatter and school  
gossip tell.  
Who are they? Of course, as  
you've known—  
These are our freshmen—my how  
they've grown!*

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President .....Maude Patton  
Vice-President .....Jesse Cole  
Secretary .....Rita Sain  
Treasurer .....Joe Huffman



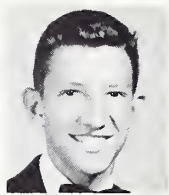
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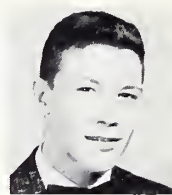
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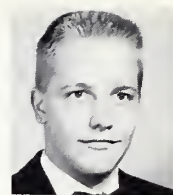
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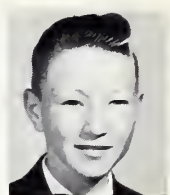
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Eddie Bailey



George Bailey



Ralph Ballew



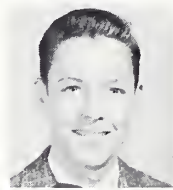
Grace Banner



Pat Barry



Woodie Beach



John Berry



Martha Booth



Margaret Bowers



Jimmy Braddock



Dennis Bradley



Peggy Branch



Ann Breeden



Bill Brendle



Sharon Bristol



Florence Brown



Douglas Buff



Joann Burnette



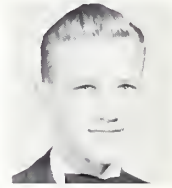
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Nancy Campbell



Francis Cannon



Wayne Cannon



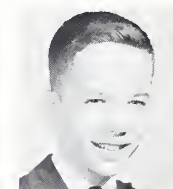
Henry Cantrell



Charles Carswell



Barbara Clark



Joe Clark



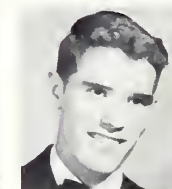
Rebecca Clemmer



Larry Coffey



Melvin Cohen



Jesse Cole



Bill Coleman



Daphne Connelley



Jimmy Connelly



Gerald Cox



Donna Craft



Patricia Dale



Edith Daves



Nields DeVere

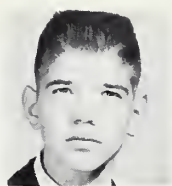
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Garry Digh



Marshall Duckworth



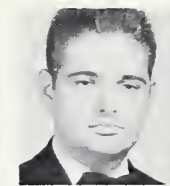
Buford Dyson



Jane Earp



Elizabeth Fleinming



Bobby Fowler



Ann Franklin



Howard Franklin



Laura Garrison



Byron Gentry



Sandra Golightly



Pat Goodnight



Larry Gragg



Clarice Green



Carl Gray



Lorene Hamby



Leila Harbison



Martha Harbison



Carolyn Harris



Benette Harrison



Russell Hartman



Sandy Houpe



Joe Huffman



Delene Johnson



James Johnson



Martha Jones



Robert Keaton



La Vern Killer



Darrell Ledford



Allen Lennon



Sandra Light



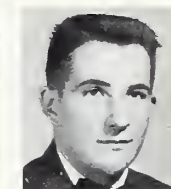
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Brenda Lowman



Claude Mabe



John E. Mace



Billy McFadden



Braxton Melton



Eddie Miller



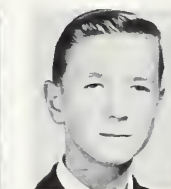
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Terry Mims



Noryine Mitchell



Leroy Mull



# Freshmen



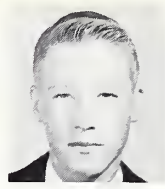
Pat Ollis



Barbara Orders



Minta Orders



Victor Parks



Martha Parrish



Peggy Patton



Maude Patton



Wayne Pearson



Carolyn Penley



Phillip Pitts



Wayland Plaster



Joyce Powell



Janice Prichard



Barbara Puett



Licata Puett



Mary Ruth Puett



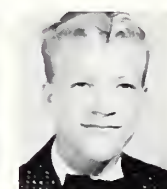
Robert Putnam



Germaine Queen



Anita Ramsey



Larry Reep



Phillip Reese



Faye Riddle



Millard Riggs



Myra Robinson



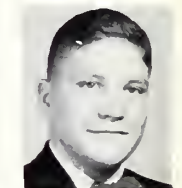
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Reta Sain



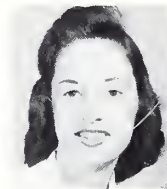
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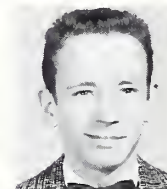
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Arthur Sharpe



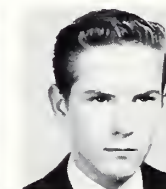
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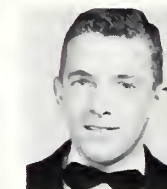
Jerry Short



Jo Lynn Shull



Gilbert Smith



Harold Smith



Margaret Smith



Rachel Smith



Wade Stack



Randy Starrett



Carole Suddreth



Patrick Summers



Vickie Talley



Diane Sue Tasler

# Freshmen



Gary Throneburg   Larry Throneburg   Margaret Tolbert   Linda Tune   Larry Walker   Martha Wheeler   Edith Whetstine



Carolyn Whisenant   Jimmy Williams   Pat Williams   Cookie Wilson   Nina Wood

## Freshmen Not Pictured

BOBBY BARRIER  
CARL BEACH  
BOBBY BRISTOL  
LORENE BRITTIAN  
CAROLYN BROWN  
JACK BUCKNER  
GERALD CARPENTER  
ROYCE CAUSBY  
NED COFFEY  
RACHEL CRAIG  
MARTHA EARLEY  
NANCY FOX  
AUDRY GOWAN  
JACK GRADY  
WAYNE LACKEY

DAVID MADISON  
GERALD McCALL  
ROBERT McCracken  
HAROLD McGEE  
DEAN MILLER  
VANCE MOORE  
GARY MURPHY  
LARRY MULL  
MARTY PAISLEY  
DOROTHY PARTON  
DORIS ANN PIERCY  
BILLY POTEAT  
BOBBY POWELL  
JANICE POWELL  
WANDA REECE  
JEAN ROSE

NORMA SELF  
DEWEY SHUFFLER  
HELEN SINGLETON  
JIMMY SINGLETON  
TOMMY SMITH  
RACHEL STAMEY  
HILDRETH STROUPE  
JUDY SWINK  
GARLAND TERRY  
HENRY WATTS  
BEN WEATHERFORD  
FRED WHISENANT  
RUTH WHISENANT  
FAYE WHISNANT  
ALBERT WILLIAMS









# 1957 Cat's Tale Staff



Sue Parham  
Assistant Co-Editor



Kay Nichols  
EDITOR



Jonnie Pons  
Assistant Co-Editor

A great deal of work goes into putting out the CAT'S TALE each year. The editorial staff worked closely with the editor who planned, developed, and directed the annual. We typed copy...wrote poetry...proof read...identified pictures...licked stickers...pondered over captions...designed all art work...checked and double-checked...and offered help, understanding, and suggestions. We met all the deadlines on time, but not without that last minute rush. Now we feel that our time and effort was well worth it for this, just one issue of the annual.

The business staff worked closely with both the business manager and the editor. They sold ads...collected money...wrote ads...worried where that last fifty dollars was coming from...and finally jiggled the books until somehow the annual "broke even."

Both staffs worked with the advisor, Mr. Fred Putnam, as they strived to produce a better yearbook.

## Editorial Staff



*SEATED:* Sue Parham, Jonnie Pons, Kay Nichols, Adelaide Anderson *STANDING:* Marilyn Hotchkiss, Pat Nichols, Ann Barbour, Gay Davis, Irene McGuirk, Donnell Smith, Florence Boggs, Sarah Boger, Laura Hensley, Julia Fowler.

## Business Staff

### ADVISOR



Mr. Fred Putnam



Harry Tune, Kenneth Ross, Frank Puett, Allen Lennon, Rebecca Williams

## Homeroom Representatives



*FIRST ROW:* Johnny Markas, Allen DeVinney, Minnie Laura Jaynes, Gary Moretz, Gene Wood, *SECOND ROW:* Vickie Talley, Joyce Ross, Linda Tune, Charles Wintzer, Vernon Winters, Sharon Bristol, Jesse Cole, Dennis Byrd, Peggy Williams, Byllye McCombs, Duggy Branch.



# Cauldron

The staff's ears just hang open for news. They are always snooping around, picking up odds n' ends of news and piecing them together. These are all compiled and published once a month. There are deadlines to meet...copy to write...sports to cover...art work to be done...stories to be typed...features to dream up...and editorials to write. The members work closely with their advisor, Mr. Edwards. The result is a school paper worth reading—for it's the CAULDRON.

## Underclassman Staff



Stephanie Leslie...EDITOR



Mr. Edwards...ADVISOR



*SEATED:* Nancy Higgins, Helen Crew, ASSOCIATE EDITOR; Sarah Wallace, ASSOCIATE MANAGING EDITOR; Jeanette Gray, Philecta Clarke, Margaret Bowlers, Bunny Salsbury.

## Senior Staff



*SEATED:* Phil Tappy, SPORTS EDITOR; Betty Conley, SPORTS EDITOR; Patsy Ferguson, HUMOR EDITOR; Stephanie Leslie, EDITOR; Elaine Falls, MANAGING EDITOR; Joyce Houston, HUMOR EDITOR; Danny Seagle, ART EDITOR. *STANDING:* Mildred Wilson, Ronnie Williams, Sharon Mitchell, Marie Gallion, Charlene Newton, Judy Powell, Ann Setzer, Helen Abernathy, Melvin Anderson, Shirley Russ, Beverly Hunnicutt, Jimmy Parks, Kay Shirley, Jean Ann Fox, Alvin Dickens, Dottie Nifong.

# A Cappella Choir

Under the direction of Mr. Cousins, the Chorus receives excellent training. They sing for local groups and twice a year combine their talents with those of the band in a concert.



ALTOS...Nina Wood, Kay Murphy, Shirley Phillips, Pat Haynes, Julia Fowler.



SOPRANOS...Romilda Moretz, Sharon Mitchell, Joyce Houston, Minnie Laura Jaynes, Sandra Walker, Brenda Byrd, Tommy Sue Bridges, Anita Secrest, Cynthia Shirley, Carolyn Puett.

BASSES...Jimmy Yount, Taft McFalls, Ray Whetstine, Johnny Markas, Dennis Bradley, Jimmy Hairfield, Charles Newton, Jimmy Norvell, Ronnie Williams.



TENORS...Jack Early, Tommy Clontz, Jerry Duckworth, Howard Houck, Jimmy Singleton, Ted Moretz, Joe Ben Seagle.



# The Morganton High School Band

Under the direction of Mr. Cousins, the Band has played an important part in the school's activities. During the football season, the Band braved the cold to perform at the pre-game and again at the half. Their concerts are always highlights of the year.



## Percussion

Charles Hensley, Helen Crew, Phillip Pitts, Carl Lane, Martin McConnell, President; Billy Boyles, David Hall.



## Clarinets

Dennis Hoffmeyer, Dennis Short, Steve Ivester, Ronnie Snow, Patricia Nichols, Wade Stack, Martha Jones, Jackie Boyles, Sandy Houpe, Marsha Anderson, Ina Cloer, Muriel Wooten, Jean Keaton, Roddy Ball, Jimmy Maxwell, Sarah Harbison.



## Horns

Tony Wintzer, Buster Small, Al Dickens, Wayne Featherby, Ralph Greene, Johnny Garrison, Alan Lennon, Jerry Hoyle, Wayland Plaster, Judy Setzer, Larry Berry, Maston Parham, Olga Crabtree, Dennis Simmons, Johnny Cannon, Doug Golightly, Andy Pitts, Phyllis Barrier, Naomi Hart, Joan Propst.



### **Basses, Trombones, and Baritones**

Douglas Buff, Emily Crabtree, Donnie Williams, Harry Tune, Billy Somers, John Berry, Jimmy Fowler, Jamie Fowler, Johnny Berry, Billy Duckworth, Ralph Patton.



### **Saxophones, Flutes, Piccolos, Bassoons, Oboes**

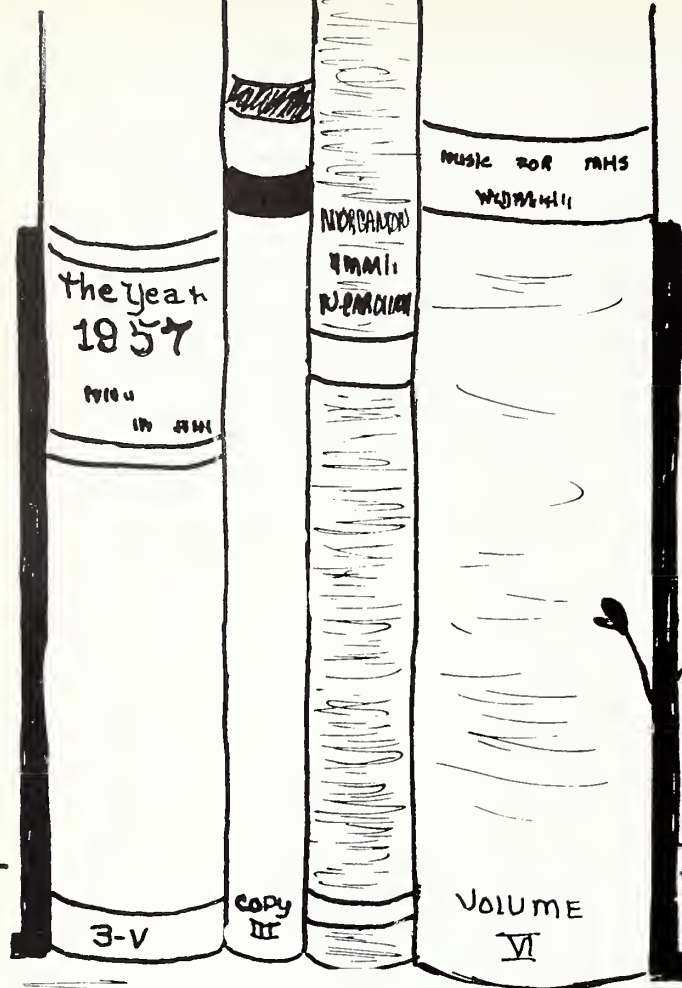
Rebecca Michaels, Donna Craft, Nancy Mull, Beverly Littlejohn, Sylvia Fowler, Claude Mabe, Bobby Deaton, Vice-President; Johnny Poteat, Brenda Lowman, Philecta Clark, Martha Ann Browning, Secretary; Margaret Smith.



### **Majorettes and Drum Major**

Ralph Patton, Drum Major; Jean Ann Fox, Treasurer; Brenda Alley, Gail Moretz, Dottie Nifong, Head, Phyllis Barrier, Peggy Lambert, Betty Conley, Sarah Lingerfelt.





FEATURES







# MARSHALS AND MASCOTS



It is an honor to be a marshal for they are the top students in the junior class scholastically. Marshals appear at all public senior functions to adorn, to greet, to welcome, and to seat all visitors.

John Inscoc, Baleka Beach; *Mascots*, Billy Lockadoo, Sandra Walker; *Chief Marshals*, Tommy Mull, Jonnie Pons, Barry Reichart, Dorothy Black, Bobby Luckadoo, Pat Haynes, Harry Tune, Sue Potts.

# CHEERLEADERS



*FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:* Tommy Clontz, Ann Barbour, Linda Rhodes, *Head Cheerleader:* Jimmy Singleton, Brenda Byrd, Romilda Moretz, Jonnie Pons, Marilyn Hotchkiss, Benny Rockett, Sarah Ann Wallace.

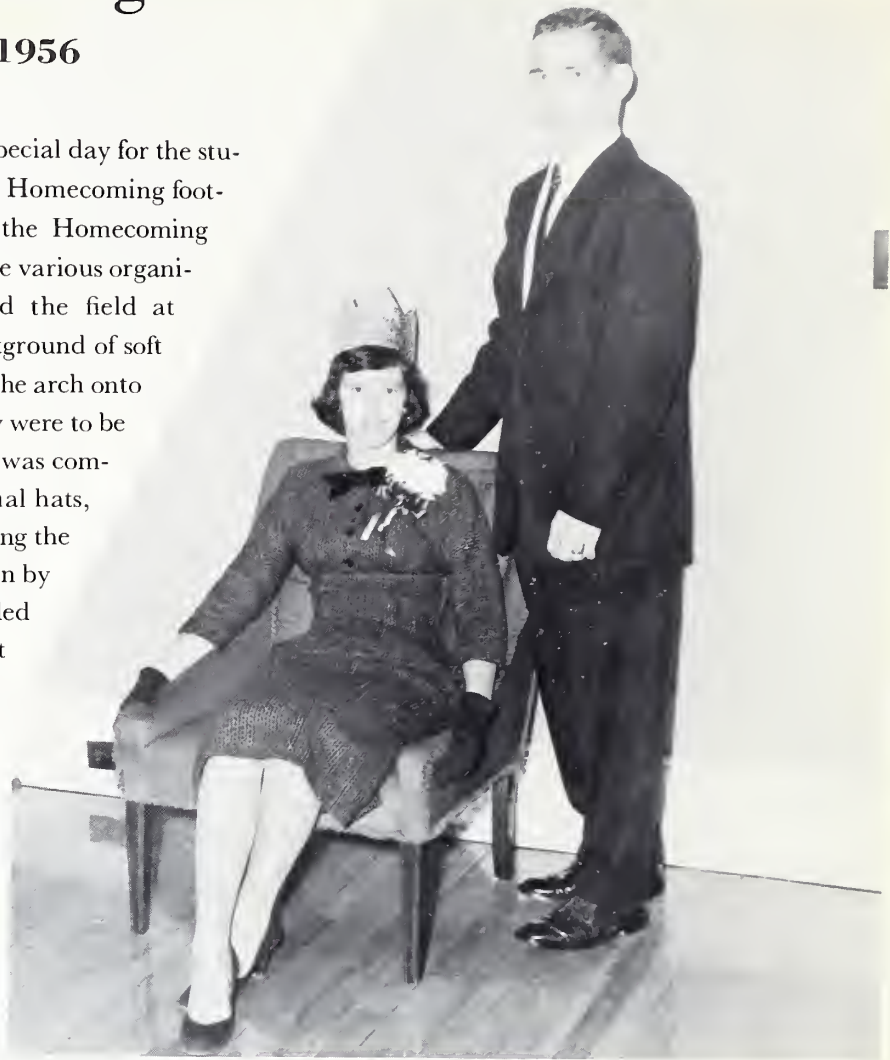
Our Cheerleaders work hard to boost the morale and team spirit of the school. They are always present at all sports activities rain or shine. Mr. Edwards is their competent advisor.



# Homecoming

## Queen of 1956

October the twelfth was a very special day for the students of Morganton High. It was our Homecoming football game. For this gala occasion, the Homecoming Queen, plus sixteen sponsors (from the various organizations) and their escorts, adorned the field at halftime. The Band provided a background of soft music as the couples marched under the arch onto the field. All the colors of the rainbow were to be seen when the half-moon formation was completed. They were present in unusual hats, gloves, and accessories—not mentioning the jauntiness of Ivy-League tweeds worn by many of the boys. This evening ended in a note of perfection with a dance at the Moose Lodge where the Homecoming Queen of 1956 was crowned. Everyone was welcomed by the sponsors and escorts in a huge receiving line. Just think of all the hands we shook!



ROMILDA C. MORETZ  
JAMES HONEYCUTT

## Sponsors and Escorts



MISS ANCHOR CLUB  
ADELAIDE ANDERSON  
RAWLEY SPEIR

MISS BAND  
MARTHA BROWNING  
WILLIAM KEZZIAH



MISS CAT'S TALE  
KAY NICHOLS  
PHIL TAPPEY

MISS CAULDRON  
MARIE GALLION  
WAYNE GRADY



*ISS DRAMATICS CLUB*  
LINDA RHODES  
JIMMY LYBRAND



*MISS CHORUS*  
MINNIE LAURA JAYNES  
LARRY FLEMING



*MISS FHA*  
SARAH BOGER  
ALVIN DICKENS



*MISS GIRLS' M*  
Mitzi Beamon  
Howard Leonhardt



*MISS HI-Y*  
LAURA HENSLEY  
JIMMY SINGLETON



*MISS HONOR SOCIETY*  
JULIA FOWLER  
JIMMY CONLEY



*MISS LIBRARY CLUB*  
JEANETTE GARRISON  
EDWARD WHISENANT



*MISS KEY CLUB*  
SHIRLEY PHILLIPS  
DANNY LINGERFELT



*MISS SPANISH CLUB*  
JOSEPHINE KIRKSEY  
JIMMY NORVELL



*MISS SPQR*  
ELAINE FALLS  
JACK POTEET



*MISS TRI-HI-Y*  
JEAN ANN FOX  
TOMMY CLONTZ



*MISS VARSITY M*  
JOYCE HOUSTON  
J. A. HURT



## Best Looking

We present to you Jack Poteet and Marie Gallion, the *Best Looking* couple in the senior class. They are almost ready to give us a concert on what is considered by many to be the most supreme and beautiful of the musical instruments, the harp. When the seniors and the lovely harp are combined, no one would care how the music sounds for their attractiveness.



## Senior Superlatives

### Friendliest

Phil Tappy and Dottie Nifong were chosen the *Friendliest* in the senior class. Their corresponding musical instrument is the accordion. It has a friendly, gay tone that is always welcome whether in the background or by itself. We invite these seniors plus their instrument to always be handy when we are "down in the dumps."



## Most Athletic

We present David Puett and Sylvia Dellinger, the *Most Athletic* twosome in our class. Now they seem to have rhythm at their command as they beat out various tempos on their trap set. When their talents come in contact with those drums and cymbals, the result is amazing.



## Senior Superlatives

### Most Deserving

Danny Seagle and Loretta Duckworth were voted the *Most Deserving* by the seniors. They show their merit by assembling oboes which they are about to play. Our hats are off to anyone who attempts to play these difficult instruments for they certainly deserve credit.





## Most

## Intellectual

Jimmy Parks and Helen Abernathy rightfully earned the title of the *Most Intellectual*. They have given up their studies long enough to tune up their French horns. Nevertheless, their goals seem to be along the studious line for the best results are obtained only when one's intellect is used—thinking the note as it is fingered and played is necessary for perfection.



## Senior Superlatives

### Most Likely to Succeed

We introduce you to Gary Moretz and Kay Nichols who are the *Most Likely to Succeed*. Remember those names! Already they seem to have the key to success as they sit posed at the Baby Grand piano adorned with a lovely candelabra. The concert hasn't begun yet for they are still in the practicing stage, but soon their success will spring from the key board.



## Most Popular

Of course, you know Danny Lingerfelt and Linda Rhodes are our *Most Popular* couple. Their favorite past-time seems to be musically inclined. We hope those records are as much your favorites as you two are ours. That brings up another question. We wonder if these seniors are more popular than the new rage, the hi-fi set. Meanwhile, they seem to be sharing their popularity without misgivings.



## Senior Superlatives

### Most Talented

Martin McConnell and Julia Fowler are without question the *Most Talented* seniors. They are demonstrating their ability by performing on the cello. Not everyone could pick out a tune on this beautiful instrument. We certainly agree that it takes a great deal of talent plus perseverance to obtain amiable results.





## Most Valuable

Here, for your appraisal, are Larry Lowdermilk and Laura Hensley, the *Most Valuable* in the senior class. For safety's sake both are holding on to the violin for dear life. We don't blame them. These seniors plus the lovely violin are a rare combination that can't be valued in mere dollars.



## Senior Superlatives

### Most Versatile

Wayne Brittain and Sarah Boger paused long enough for you to see that they are the *Most Versatile* in our class. These seniors and the organ seem to compliment each other in versatility. The organ with its many stops and pedals can produce a wide range of different sounds and our seniors with their many assets have the same ability.





## Neatest

It is quite obvious that Bill Booth and Jean Ann Fox are the *Neatest* in our class. They are putting their flutes together so they will be ready for the duet. The flutes, like the superlatives, are very neat in their body style and composure. Both create a very pleasing affect.



## Senior Superlatives

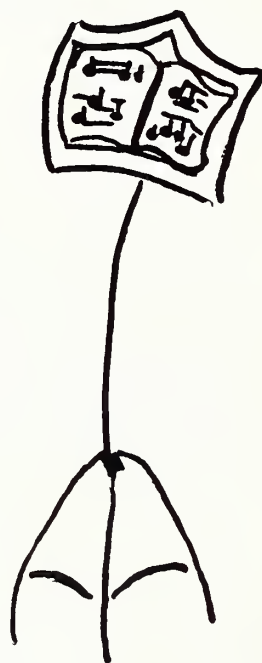
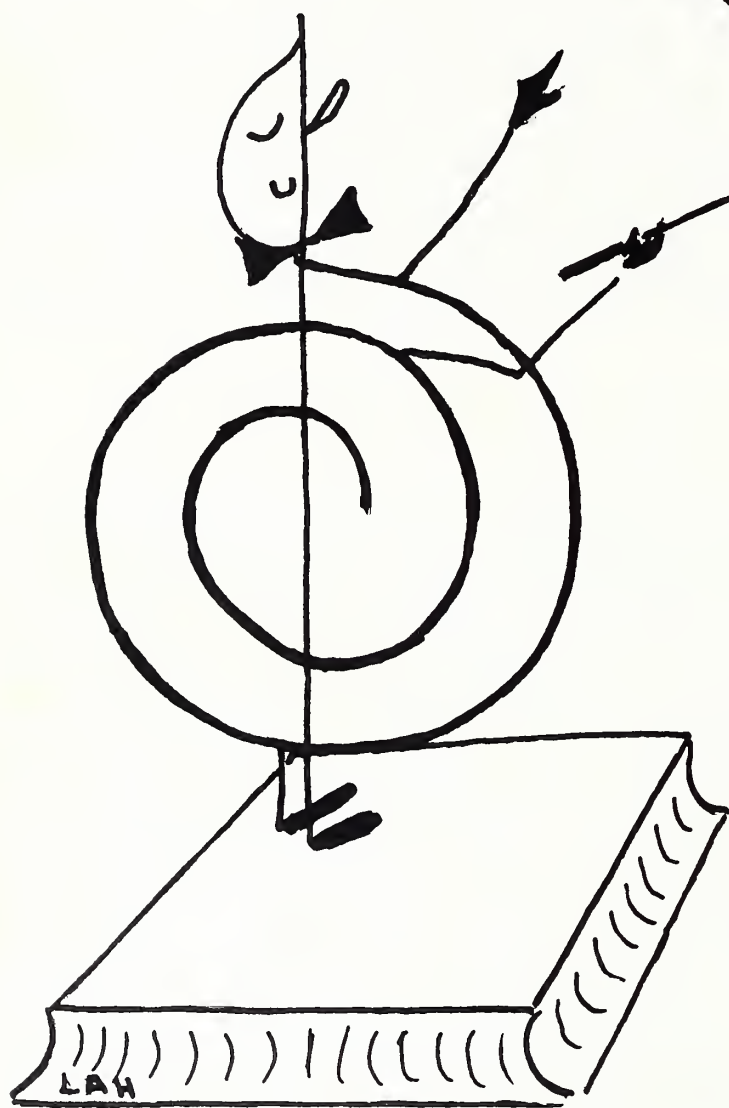
### Wittiest

As you've heard, Jimmy Singleton and Mitzi Beamon are the *Wittiest* couple in the whole class. They are warming up on the bassoon. This instrument has a reputation for being "the clown of the orchestra." This twosome also enjoys a similar reputation. They are known around the school for their wit and humor.





# CLUBS









*FIRST ROW*—Sarah Boger, Julia Fowler, Laura Hensley, Kay Nichols, Adelaide Anderson, Ruth Yount, Florence Boggs, Olga Crabtree, *SECOND ROW*—Sarah Lingerfelt, Marilyn Hotchkiss, Jonnie Pons, Gail Moretz, Sue Potts, Ina Cloer, *THIRD ROW*—Gay Davis, Ann Barbour, Patricia Nichols, Jeanette Gray, Sandra Walker, Bylye McCombs.

## Anchor Club

### Officers and Sponsor



Kay Nichols, PRESIDENT; Sarah Boger, SECRETARY; Jonnie Pons, VICE-PRESIDENT; Gail Moretz, TREASURER; Miss Pearl Teter, ADVISOR.



The ANCHOR CLUB is made up of girls in the school who are able to meet its stiff qualifications. It has one of the worthiest goals a club can have—to prepare its members for better citizenship tomorrow. It has major projects which deal with service to school and community.





*SEATED:* Melvin Anderson, Tommy Clontz, Bill Booth, Danny Lingerfelt, Jimmy Hastings, Jim Parks, Al Dickens.  
*STANDING:* Jimmy Maxwell, Tommy Mull, Johnny Markas, Rawley Speir, Vernon Winters, David Epley, David Rader, Oval Jaynes, Billy Luckadoo, Bruce Lowdermilk.



## Key Club

### Officers and Sponsor



Oval Jaynes, SECRETARY; Danny Lingerfelt, PRESIDENT; Johnny Markas, VICE-PRESIDENT; Jimmy Hastings, TREASURER; Mr. F. C. Schiebout, ADVISOR.





*FIRST ROW:* Kay Shirley, Romilda Moretz, Sharon Mitchell, Linda Rhodes, Joyce Ann Houston, Dottie Nifong, Betty Conley, Patsy Ferguson, Elaine Falls, Minnie Laura Jaynes, Shirley Phillips. *SECOND ROW:* Kay Nichols, Martha Ann Browning, Marie Gallion, Josephine Kirksey, Norma Jean Kincaid, Patsy Hyman, Stephanie Leslie, Beverly Hunnicutt, Florence Boggs, Doris Starkey, Jean Ann Fox. *THIRD ROW:* Helen Crew, Sarah Wallace, Marilyn Hotchkiss, Brenda Byrd, Pat Haynes, Susan Hoyle, Hazel Tallent, Jonnie Pons, Louise Buff, Carolyn Watts, Pat Harbison, Peggy Ramseur, Brenda Mooney, Mary Lewis Bost, Barbara Warlick, Martha Irvin, Jean Shuping, Cynthia Shirley, Ina Cloer, Anita Secrest, Sue Parham.

## Tri-Hi-Y

### Officers and Sponsor

Mrs. Charles Carey, SPONSOR; Jean Ann Fox, PRESIDENT; Marilyn Hotchkiss, VICE-PRESIDENT; Sarah Wallace, SECRETARY; Shirley Phillips, SERGEANT-at-ARMS; Helen Crew, TREASURER.



Tri-Hi-Y membership is open to any girl who is interested in promoting the high standards of this organization. It is a Christian girls' club and endeavors to strengthen the youth's faith in things that are good, strong, and true. During the year the club has many varied and interesting programs, which are enjoyed by all who attend. Its large membership enables it to carry out the selected projects thoroughly and well.





*FIRST ROW:* Vance Brackett, Barry Adler, Gerald Cox, Jimmy Yount, Phil Tappy, Jimmy Lybrand, *SECOND ROW:* Ray Whetstine, David Rhyne, Sandy Bryson, Kenneth Ross, Garland Early, J. A. Hurt, David McAuley, *THIRD ROW:* Howard Leonhardt, Ralph Patton, Charles Newton, Jimmy Singleton, Tommy McFadden, Ronnie Williams, Wayne Grady.

## Hi-Y

### Officers

Jimmy Yount, PRESIDENT; J. A. Hurt, SECRETARY; Howard Leonhardt, TREASURER; Kenneth Ross, VICE-PRESIDENT.



The Hi-Y is the boys' Christian club. It has many projects during the year, most of them are concerned with helping others. At Christmas, this organization always sponsors a movie for the student body. The club has various people in town to provide it with programs.





# O F F I C E R S A N D S P O N S O R



Senatus, Populusque Romanus — this club promotes interest in Latin and gives fun to those who are taking it. Although fairly new, they are members of the Junior Classical League and belong to both the state and national organization. This club is particularly active during Latin Week each spring.



Elaine Falls, PRESIDENT; Larry Lowdermilk, TREASURER; Kay Nichols, SECRETARY; Miss Blaylock, SPONSOR; David Puett, VICE-PRESIDENT.

## S. P. Q. R. Club



*FIRST ROW*—Tommy Clontz, Bobby Luckadoo, Billy Luckadoo, Tommy Mull, Wayne Brittain, Larry Lowdermilk, Paul Helming, David Puett, Jimmy Hastings. *SECOND ROW*—Pat Haynes, Julia Fowler, Kay Nichols, Adelaide Anderson, Peggy Propst, Olga Crabtree, Elaine Falls, Donnell Smith, Miss Blaylock. *THIRD ROW*—Patricia Stubbs, Tommy Franklin, Ann Barbour, Jeanette Gray, Alvin Dickens, Sarah Boger, Stephanie Leslie, Jean Ann Fox.

# OFFICERS AND SPONSOR



The SPANISH CLUB is one of the newest clubs in the school. It is composed of second year Spanish students who are qualified to meet its standards. It stimulates an interest in this foreign language and promotes its ideals through its members to the rest of the school.

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## Spanish Club



*FIRST ROW:* Judy Powell, Dottie Nifong, Josephine Kirksey, Martha Browning, Carolyn Harris, Hazel Lee Tallent,  
*SECOND ROW:* Danny Lingerfelt, Jimmy Osborne, Florence Boggs, Bob Deaton, Bill Booth.



# F. H. A.



## Officers and Sponsor

Mrs. Curry, SPONSOR; Gail Moretz, VICE-PRESIDENT; Sarah Boger, PRESIDENT; Ann Setzer, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

The FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA endeavors to train its members in the homemaking field. It carries out many worthy projects during the year in which all members take part.

Its purposes are to promote an appreciation and satisfaction in the joys of homemaking, to emphasize the importance of worthy home membership, to work for a good home, family, and community, and to further the interest of others in home economics.

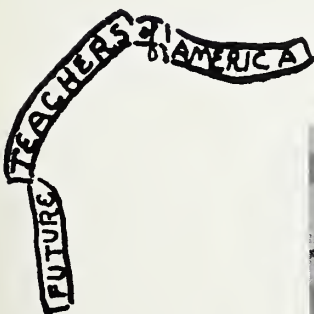


**FIRST ROW:** Olivia Lambert, Ednita Brown, Beverly Hunnicutt, Elaine Falls, Stephanie Leslie, Terry Mims, Carolyn Penley, Mary Bruns, Jean Ann Wall, Brenda Alley, Peggy Lambert. **SECOND ROW:** Adelaide Anderson, Betty Conley, Patsy Ferguson, Joyce Ann Houston, Jean Ann Fox, Martha Wheeler, Barbara Shell, Sylvia Leonhardt, Edwina Moses, Herma Orders, Loyenne Hanby. **THIRD ROW:** Kay Murphy, Martha Irvin, Jonnie Fox, Sara Lingafelt, Sharon Ivester, Jonnie Pons, Sylvia Abee, Sally Smith, Frankie Phillips, Ann Barbour, Doris Ann Piercy. **FOURTH ROW:** Brenda Byrd, Barbara Warlick, Sue Potts, Martha Buchanan, Carolyn Watts, Helen Crew, Peggy Ramseur, Marilyn Hotchkiss, Sarah Wallace, Kay Shirley, Brenda Mooney. **FIFTH ROW:** Dottie Tuttle, Betty Clark, Jean Shuping, Rebecca Clemmer, Louise Buff, Pat Harbison, Romilda Moretz, Doris Starkey, Sylvia Dellinger, Charlene Newton, Shirley Russ. **SIXTH ROW:** Minnie Laura Jaynes, Patsy Hyman, Sharon Mitchell, Marie Gallion, Ann Franklin, Mildred Wilson, Helen Abernathy, Loretta Duckworth, Jo Ann Feimster, Marie Brackett, Norma Newton. **SEVENTH ROW:** Sara Harbison, Ruth Yount, Cynthia Shirley, Earlene Joyce, Jonnie Lingerfelt, Peggy Williams, Irene Smith, Joanne Throneburg, Noryne Mitchell, Jean Clark, Patricia Williams. **EIGHTH ROW:** Anita Sechrest, Joyce Miller, Shirley Phillips, Margaret Seitz, Frances Rhyne, Vivian Amos, Judy Setzer. **NINTH ROW:** Donnell Smith, Ann Setzer, Gail Moretz, Sarah Boger.



*FIRST ROW:* Myrle Wooten, Cynthia Shirley, Pat Haynes, Ina Cloer, Loretta Duckworth. *SECOND ROW:* Mitzi Beamon, Stephanie Leslie, Oval Jaynes, Louise Buff.

Can you imagine them as teachers and professors? The **FUTURE TEACHERS of AMERICA** is one of the school's newest clubs. They plan to assist the faculty in many different ways and they may even do some practice teaching. The club trains its members well for their future careers and thus proves to be a large asset in the school and community.



## Officers and Sponsor



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*STANDING:* Brenda Byrd, Carolyn Watts, Sylvia Brown, Miss Locklear, Joyce Ross, Sylvia Dellinger, Peggy Branch.  
*SITTING:* Sarah Ann Wallace, Mitzi Beamon, Doris Starkey.

## Girls' M Club

### Officers and Sponsor



These girls are "the pick of the crop" in the athletic field in our school. Members of this club have lettered in at least one sport. They play a major part in Morganton High's athletic program.

Doris Starkey, SECRETARY; Jean Canipe, TREASURER; Miss Locklear, SPONSOR; Brenda Byrd, SERGEANT-at-ARMS; Sylvia Dellinger, VICE-PRESIDENT; Mitzi Beamon, PRESIDENT.



Billy Arney, Jimmy Canley, Ellis Spake, Ervin Simmans, Alex Grady, Oval Jaynes, Larry Fleming, Larry Scatt, Larry Lowdermilk, Wayne Brittain, George McCarter, Johnny Markas, Bucky Smith, Bill Booth, David Epley, Alvin Dackens, David Puett, Gary Maretz.

## Varsity M Club

### Officers and Sponsor



Larry Lowdermilk, VICE-PRESIDENT; Coach Harris, SPONSOR; David Puett, PRESIDENT; Johnny Markas, TREASURER; Ellis Spake, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS; Gary Moretz, SECRETARY.

The membership of the Varsity M is composed of football heroes, basketball aces, and track stars. The boys who have lettered in these sports proudly wear their blue sweaters with the large "M" on the front. The club has many projects throughout the year, which all these top athletes take part in.





Miss Royal Prevette... Sponsor

# Quill and Scroll

International Honorary Society for High School Journalists

THE QUILL AND SCROLL is the international honorary society for high school journalists. Members of this organization have done their part in contributing to the literature of the school. They are interested in the phases of journalism and creative writing, and are picked from the Cat's Tale Staff or the Cauldron Staff.



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Stephanie Leslie

Alvin Dickens

Sue Parham

Elaine Falls

Kay Nichols



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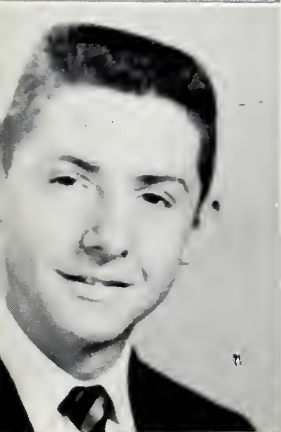
## SCHOLARSHIP



## S E R V I C E



## C H A R A C T E R



Kay Nichols  
Larry Lowdermilk  
Danny Lingerfelt

What does membership in the National Honor Society mean? It means that these students are the future leaders of tomorrow and have put their efforts on scholastic activities. Twelve seniors belong to this organization in our school. They were selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, and character—all of equal importance.

These seniors have given much of their time and effort to promote the activities, interests, and ideals of Morganton High School. They are sponsored by Mr. Redmond.



## LEADERSHIP

Elaine Falls

Loretta Duckworth

Helen Abernathy  
Sarah Boger  
Martha Browning







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Mr. Postelle, SPONSOR; Gary Moretz, PRESIDENT; Martha Ann Browning, SECRETARY; Mr. Snyder, SPONSOR; Danny Lingerfelt, VICE-PRESIDENT; David Puett, TREASURER.

## Science Club

There's never a dull moment in the SCIENCE CLUB! Membership enables students to take part in additional experiments and explosions...activities which tend to stimulate interest along scientific lines. Students through pamphlets, projects, and speakers learn the newest developments in scientific fields.



*FIRST ROW:* Martha Browning, Helen Abernathy, Bill Somers, Tony Wintzer, Bob Deaton, Wayne Brittian, Larry Fleming, David Puett, Jim Hastings, Kay Nichols, Mitzi Beamon. *SECOND ROW:* Sue Parham, Ambrose Barry, Jimmy Maxwell, Harry Tune, Larry Lowdermilk, Oval Jaynes, Jim Parks, Pat Haynes, Marilyn Hotchkiss, Jonnie Pons, David McAuley, Bill Arney, Gary Moretz, Olga Crabtree. *THIRD ROW:* John Dellinger, Jack Poteet, Barry Reichardt, Al Dickens, Bill Booth, Johnny Markas, Billy Luckadoo, Harvy Saunders, Bobby Luckadoo, Danny Lingerfelt, Ralph Patton, Louise Buff.



### Officers and Sponsor

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## Dramatics Club

The Dramatics Club is interested in the best in drama. They produce several plays each year and present them to the student body. They learn all the niceties and necessities of a well-produced play. Reading, enunciation, pronunciation, mimetics, make-up, stage sets, and lighting are all part of this club's routine.



*FIRST ROW:* Martha Ann Browning, Sharon Mitchell, Linda Rhodes, Jan Norvell, Gay Davis, Frankie Phillips, Jackie Boyles, Patty Wacaster, Betsy Hutchens, June Johnston, Myrl Wooten, Judy Graves. *SECOND ROW:* Florence Boggs, Shirley Phillips, Betty Conley, Marie Gallion, Elaine Falls, Joyce Houston, Romilda Moretz, Patsy Ferguson, Stephanie Leslie, Josephine Kirksey, Jean Ann Fox, Kay Shirley. *THIRD ROW:* Frances Rhyne, Phil Tappy, Sue Potts, Allen DeVinney, Howard Leonhardt, Sarah Lingafelt, Jimmy Singleton, Emiley Crabtree, Jimmy Lybrand, Philecta Clark, Jimmy Parks, Marilyn Hotchkiss, Tommy Clontz, Irene McGuirk, Judy Peeler, Florence Bridges, Peggy Propst, Doris Willets, Jimmy Conley

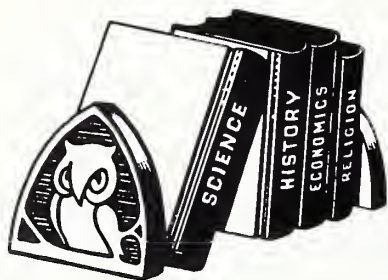




Jeanette Garrison, Marie Smith, Tommy Clontz, Alex Grady, Tommie Sue Bridges, Garland Earley, Andy Crawley, Norman Wiseman, Frank Puett, Delores Lambert, Hilda Towery, Buddy Peterson, Jack Beach, Kenneth Daye, Melvin Anderson, William Kezziah, Louise Carpenter, Mrs. Beach.

## Library Club

### Officers and Sponsor



Under the direction of Mrs. Beach, the **LIBRARY CLUB** carries out an important job. The members help her in requisitioning new books, rebinding worn ones, collecting fines, and keeping periodicals in order. These students relinquish their study halls to serve as library assistants.



Kenneth Daye, **PRESIDENT**; Mrs. Beach, **SPONSOR**; Louise Carpenter, **SECRETARY-TREASURER**; Jack Beach, **VICE-PRESIDENT**; Melvin Anderson, **REPORTER**.



# This 'N That



"Earthbound"



"True Love"

"Sincerely"

"Mabeline"



"High and Low"



"My Friend"



"Teen Age Prayer"



"Transfusion"



"Portrait of a Lady"



"I'm No Fool Old Summertime"



"Oh, You Beautiful Doll"



"Fort"



"Cry of the Wild Goose"

"Sitting on Top of the World"



"Five Feet Two"



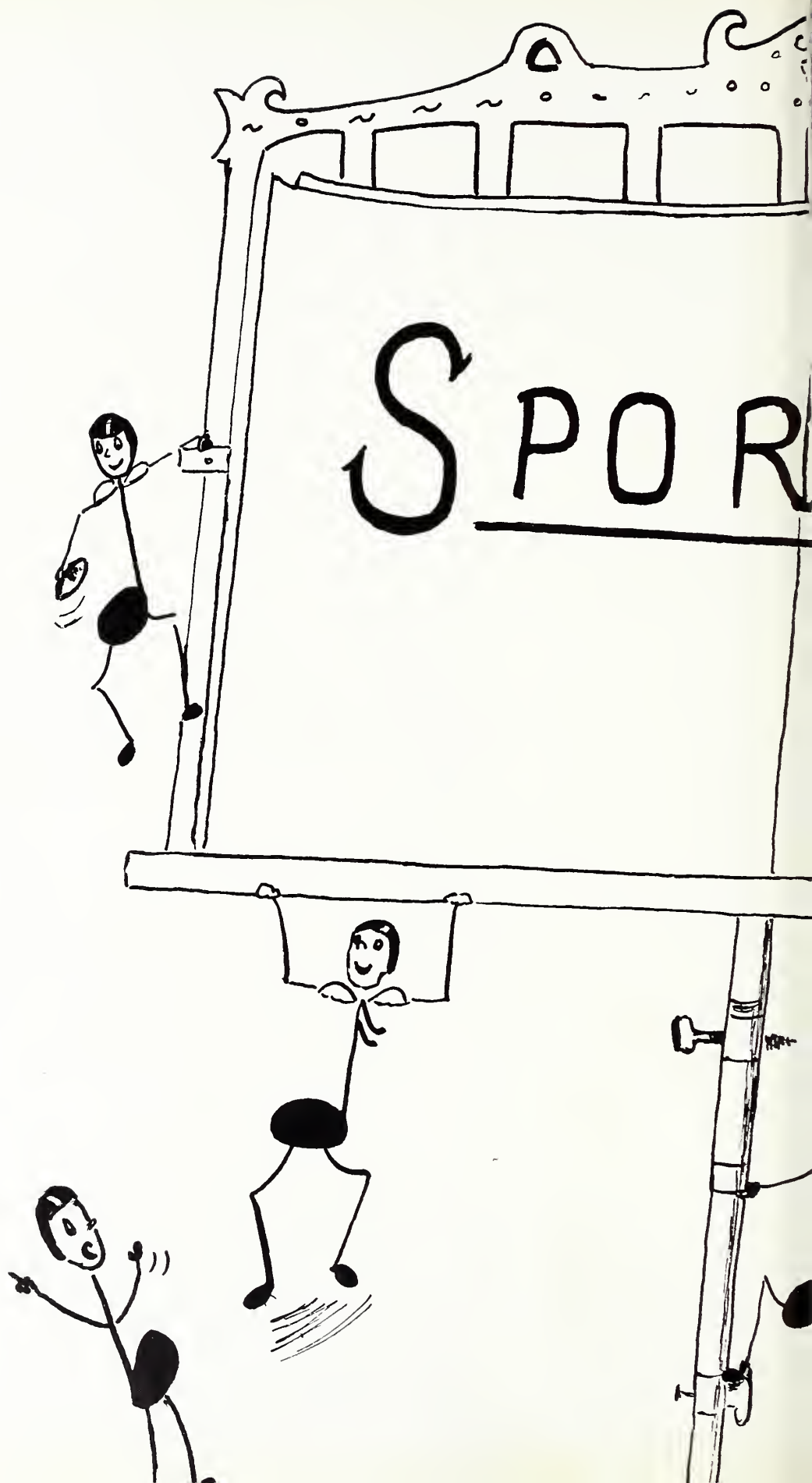
"La-Ra-Boon"



"By Sea"

"After the Ball"











*Ends*  
Ronnie Williams  
Bill Booth  
Alex Grady  
Jimmy Hastings

*Tackles*  
David Puett  
Jack Beach  
John Mace  
Ellis Spake  
Ikke Royal

*Backs*  
Buck Smith  
Gary Moretz  
George McCarter  
Wayne Brittain

#### *Coaches*

Von Ray Harris, Head; Jim MacFadden; Earl Broome



## Football

The Wildcats opened their '56 season supported by a large crowd of spectators.

The strong Newton team held the 'Cats scoreless until the final quarter, when Morganton marched 50 yards and Jaynes sneaked over from the one-yard line for a T.D. The game was a disappointing loss of 33—7.

The Wildcats showed a well-balanced offense as they trampled over Hudson 27—7. Jaynes connected with Booth and Smith for two touchdowns by the air route. Puett and Brittain ran Morganton's other T.D.'s. The Wildcats held Hudson scoreless until the closing minutes of the game.

Morganton journeyed to Marion for their third game, but were shut out 6 to 0. Morganton couldn't seem to get a sustained drive going. The team looked good on offense and defense but couldn't shake off the set-backs caused by penalties.

Morganton spoiled Wilkes' Homecoming as they fought the highly-favored Central team to a seven-all tie.

We held Wilkes back until late in the second quarter when they pushed across the goal line and added the extra point.

Morganton came back in the second half and was held inside the Wilkes' 10 yard line twice. The Wildcats were not to be denied, however, and Moretz went crashing over for a touchdown, after a 60 yard march by the entire team. Jaynes made the important conversion. The Wildcats threatened once more but lost the ball on downs and the game ended in a 7—7 tie.

Valdese overcame the Wildcats 20 to 0 in a rain-soaked game. Our team had trouble holding onto the slippery pigskin. Morganton looked good in the first quarter, but after the rain started Valdese seemed to gather strength from that mud and water.

Morganton, trying to break back into a winning streak, resorted to a single-wing attack in their game with the powerful Hickory team.

But Hickory was just too strong for the Wildcats, and marred the Morganton Homecoming with a 35—0 defeat.

Morganton stopped the strong Taylorsville eleven 19—0. The Cats, playing away from home, gave the few Morganton supporters a real thrill.

The game was post-poned until Monday night because of rain. The wet field did not hold back fullback Smith, who gained 187 yards for the Wildcats. Smith made two of Morganton's touchdowns and Williams gathered in a pass from teammate Jaynes and ran 70 yards for the other tally. Jaynes added one extra point.



# W I L D C A T S



## Summary

Morganton was defeated by the strong Belmont team 27—14 after leading at the half 14—0. Smith and Brittain scored Morganton's touchdowns on long runs. Jaynes made both conversions.

Most of the game was played in Belmont territory, but Belmont, playing their Homecoming game, scored three touchdowns in the last quarter, to win.

Morganton outplayed conference champions Lenoir, for three quarters but got the small end of a 31—20 score.

Lenoir got a touchdown in the early moments of the ballgame but missed their try for the extra point. Morganton took the lead when fullback Smith ran thirty yards for a T.D. and Jaynes added the extra point. Morganton later got its second tally when Daye gathered in a pass from Jaynes and galloped 20 yards for the tally.

Midway in the second quarter, Smith broke loose for another long, touchdown run. Jaynes added the extra point again.

Lenoir ran the kick-off back to the Morganton 15 yard line and scored three plays later. They passed for the extra point.

In the second half Morganton couldn't put together a scoring drive and Lenoir pushed across the goaline for three more touchdowns.

The Wildcats closed their 1956 season with a close 13—6 loss to Shelby.

Brittain set up Morganton's touchdown with a forty yard run; on the next play he took the ball to the Shelby one-yard line. George McCarter then crashed over for the score. We tried hard, but the 'Cats were unable to score again in the game.

In the second half the Shelby Lions came roaring back and pushed across for a touchdown early in the third quarter. Smith ran a sixty-yard T.D but had it called back because of an off-side penalty. Then Shelby marched 40 yards for their second score.

Neither team was able to score again. Morganton dominated the play most of the time, but were held back by penalties. All the boys played an excellent game.

In conclusion we wish to mention the boys who, throughout the season, did an excellent job for the Wildcats: Beach, Booth, Brittain, Daye, Grady, Hastings, Jaynes, Lowdermilk, Markas, McCarter, Moretz, Puett, Spake, Smith, Whisnant, Williams. In the eyes of the students of Morganton High School the Wildcats were the best team in the state.

### *Guards*

John Markas  
Ken Ross  
Larry Lowdermilk  
Randy Starrett  
Wayne Grady

### *Centers*

Joe Whisnant  
Raleigh Speir

### *Backs*

Oval Jaynes  
Vernon Winters  
Dennis Bradley  
Charles Wintzer

### *Tri-Captains*

Gary Moretz, David Puett, Larry Lowdermilk





# Seniors



Gary Moretz . . . Back  
"Little but mighty"



Kenneth Daye . . . End  
"Unafraid of the Devil"



David Puett . . . Tackle  
"Ready and rugged"



Ronnie Williams . . . End  
"Tough and sassy"



Jimmy Hastings . . . End  
"Fast and darty"



Jack Beach . . . Tackle  
"Hit 'em hard"

# Players



George McCarter... Back  
"Cover those yards"



Larry Lowdermilk... Guard  
"Zoops up team's spirit"



Ellis Spake... Tackle  
"Tackle high, tackle low"



Wayne Brittain... Back  
"Streak through that line"



Alex Grady... End  
"Cool catch"





# Boys'

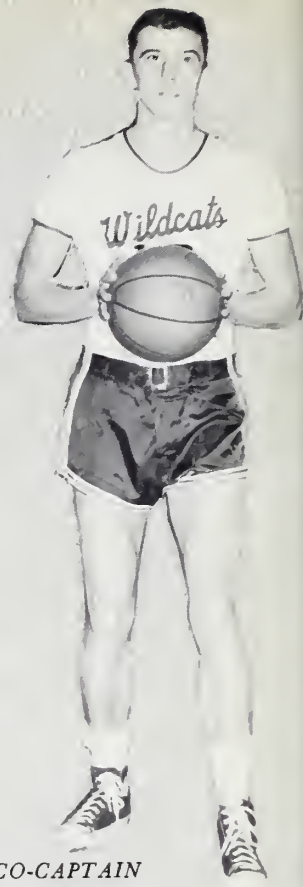
Under Coach Broome's eagle eye, the Wildcats have played a good season. Their sportsmanship, will, and determination have not slacked during the entire season. We are proud of our team, and have shown this by our support throughout all the season.



Alex Grady . . . *CO-CAPTAIN*  
"runs like a 'rat'  
on the basketball court"



Mr. Broome . . . *COACH*  
"leader of the gang in fun and play"



Bill Booth . . *CO-CAPTAIN*  
"almost as tall as the basket"



Wayne Brittain  
"quick as a cat"



Charles Dickens  
"fast and down that court"

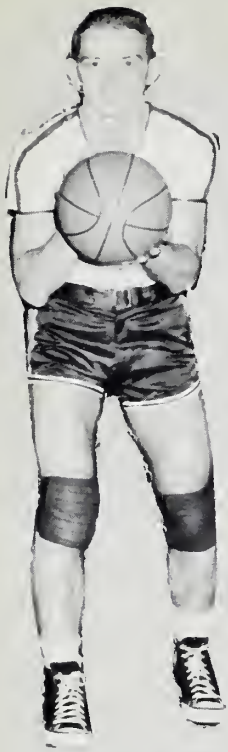


Johnny Markas  
"holds the ball with both hands"



Charles Newton  
"a 'Wildcat' asset"

# Basketball



Oval Jaynes  
"sends it through that hoop"



Tommy Mull  
"sly and slick"



Bill Branstrom  
"a new Wildcat, but mighty good"



Bucky Smith  
"experienced and sharp"



Vernon Winters  
"gives opponents a rough time"



*MANAGERS*  
Neilds DeVere, Henry Cantrell, Jimmy Starrett, and Barry Adler  
"plenty of help"



Rawley Speir  
"another rising star"



# Girls'

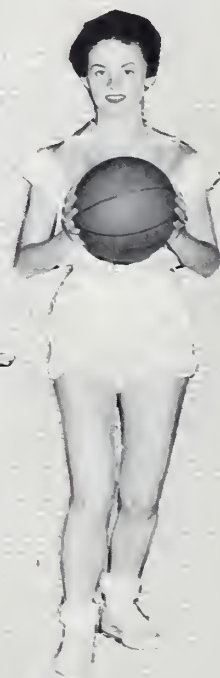


Miss Locklear...*COACH*  
"the choice of the choicest"

Doris Starkey...*CO-CAPTAIN*  
"born on a basketball court"

Under the able coaching of Miss Locklear, the "Ladycats" have had a fine season. This group of girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship in all their games throughout the season. Morganton High is proud of its team; not only for their ability and talent, but for their will and determination.

Mitzi Beamon...*CO-CAPTAIN*  
"doesn't need much practice"



Brenda Byrd  
"another veteran sinker"

Carolyn Watts  
"she won't miss the basket"

Mary Lewis Bost  
"guards her gal carefully" 98

Etta Lane  
"small, but swift"

# Basketball



Emily Crabtree  
"no use trying to fake her out"



Joyce Powell  
"a newcomer — but  
valuable"



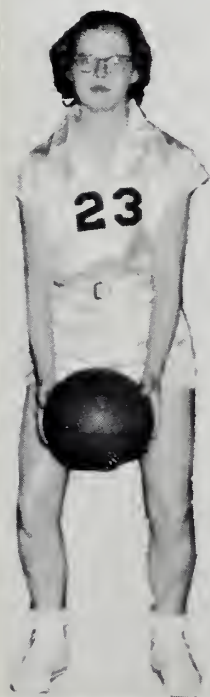
Virginia Patton  
"does her job well"



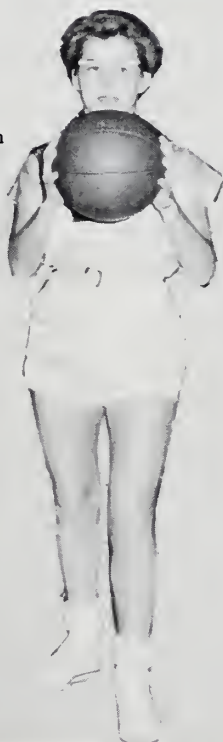
Maude Patton  
"new material  
she'll go far"



Joyce Ross  
"they won't score  
with her around"



Shirley Snipes  
"an extra point for  
sure"



Judy Graves  
"a deadly aim"



Hilda Towery  
"always ready to  
score"



# Baseball

The baseball season is one of the highlights of the year. We have an excellent team. Their spirit and sportsmanship are both to be commended. Our team has excellent support from everyone, and we are proud of them. With Coach McFadden's excellent help and moral support, they certainly get all the breaks.

Ray Whetstine  
"a side-wheeler"

William Kezziah  
"notice that stance"

Charles Newton  
"very good behind  
the plate"

Larry Scott  
"pitches a fast ball"

Ronnie Williams  
"an old pro"

Buddy Peterson  
"a born pitcher"

Wayne  
Brittain  
"wonderful  
against a  
southpaw"

Oval Jaynes  
"quite a baseman"

Jimmy Yount  
"lefty"

David McAuley  
"knows how to handle a bat"

# Softball

Our girls excel not only in basketball, but softball too. They practice determinedly and give all their opponents a hard time. Miss Locklear is the softball coach, and the girls try their best to please her and the school. We're proud of their good sportsmanship.



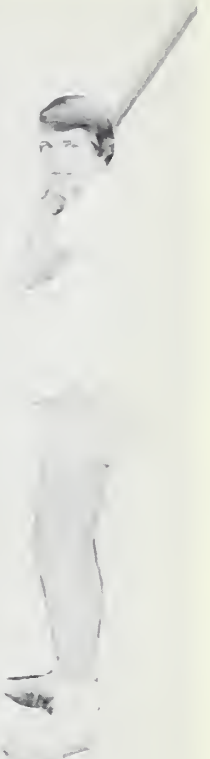
Carolyn Watts  
"knows what to do with  
a ball and bat"



Hilda Towry  
"a bunt"



Brenda Byrd  
"an excellent shortstop"



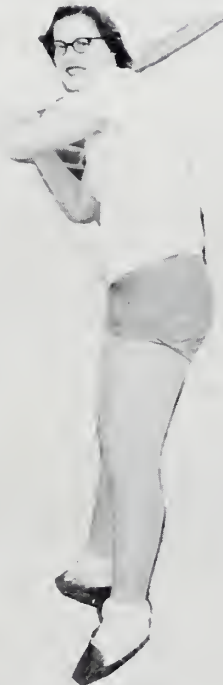
Mitzi Beamon  
"hits a powerful ball"



Duggy Branch  
"puts those balls across  
the plate"



Shirley Snipes  
"never misses one"



Millie Benfield  
"a hit for sure"



Joyce Ross  
"come to me, ball!"



Etta Lane  
"batters up!"





Seniors: Jimmy Conley, Kenneth Daye, Dickie Wilson, Jimmy Hastings, David Puett, Larry Fleming, Larry Lowdermilk.

## Track Team

Each spring we attend the track meets where we see some of our best all-round boys break the old records and set new ones. These boys display to the teams of other schools a little bit of the good sportsmanship and school spirit found here in our school.

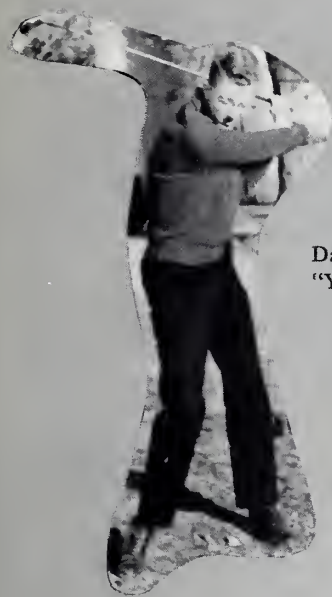


Juniors: Claude Pittman, Bucky Smith, Johnny Markas, Kenneth Ross.



Sophomores: *FIRST ROW*: Phillip Abernathy, Edward Arrowood, Charles Wintzer, Joe Ben Seagle, Edwin Arrowood, Edward Phifer, Bruce Lowdermilk, *SECOND ROW*: Grier Suttlemyre, Vernon Winters, Charles Fox, Joe Whisenant, Rawley Spier, David Rader, William Honeycutt, Steve Williams.

# Golf Team



David McAuley  
"You *must* concentrate on the ball."



David Epley  
"Approach the ball like this..."

This small group does a big job in representing our school all over the state in golf tournaments. They spent many hours this past year out on the course practicing, and they have certainly shown fine results.



Leroy Mull  
"and with your feet  
planted firmly..."

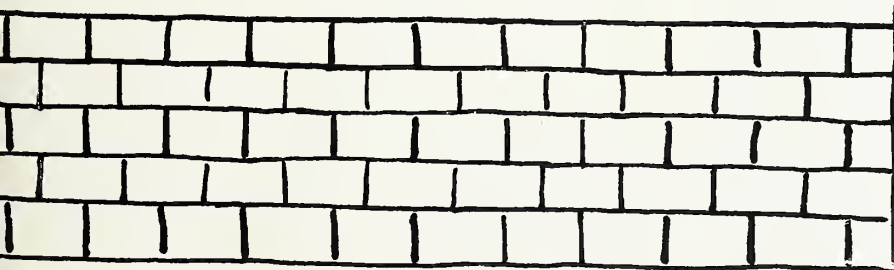


Billy Arney  
"Forre..."





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